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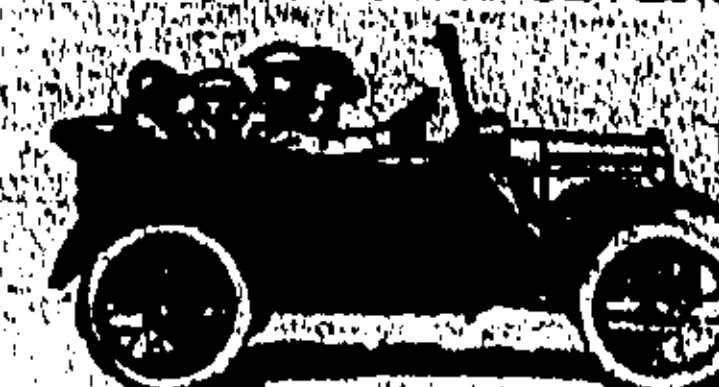
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Tales Captain Birss Can Tell At Home.

Pirate attacks and typhoons are among the experiences that have fallen to the lot of Capt. R. A. Birss who retires next week after 23 years' service with the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company.

Captain Birss has only returned home twice during his 23 years out here and since the last occasion he has had experiences decidedly more exciting than pleasant.



Capt. Andrew Birss.

He still bears the marks of the attack made upon him whilst he was going to the assistance of the Second Officer during the pirate attack on the Sui An in 1922.

During the typhoon of August 1923 he saw much of the havoc wrought, although he managed to hang out by lying at anchor behind Stonecutters.

Captain Birss is one of the old sailing ship men and proud of it too, as a "China Mail" reporter found who interviewed him in his snug little cabin on board the very boat which was the scene of the exciting operations in November, 1922.

It was on the barque Kergord that he served his apprenticeship, the run being to Montevideo for the purpose of carrying home extract of meat and hides.

The four-masted ship, the Golden Horn, was the scene of his next labours and on this he did several times the trip to Melbourne with dressed timber, the route home being by way of Saigon where rice was taken aboard.

After further service on another Liverpool boat, the Cressington, also with the Firth Line of Glasgow, in the course of which he got pretty well acquainted with Australia and the West coast of Chile, Capt. Birss became engaged in steamer trade with the East Indies and it was shortly after he gave this up that he came out to the Far East.

Capt. Birss belongs to a well-known and respected seafaring family, his father, Capt. Andrew Birss, being long connected with Montrose shipping. His brothers also turned to navigation. The younger of them was lost whilst captaining the Pilot salvage boat engaged in the successful refloating of a vessel which had been ashore on the Guatemala coast for ten years.

Capt. Birss' record since he engaged in the service of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, as the second mate of the Kinshan in 1902 is as follows:—Served as 2nd and later Chief Officer on the

Hankow which was eventually burnt out alongside the wharf, as the master of the Kinshan, took over the Lintam (now the Chin On) new from the Dock Company, and captained the Takking, the Sui An, the Kinshan, the Taishan, and finally the Sui An again.

A short time ago some of the staff who had served with him for a number of years presented Capt. Birss with a handsome silver bowl of which he is justly proud and which he showed to the "China Mail" reporter. It bears the following inscription: 1907-1925, Capt. R. A. Birss, as a mark of esteem for his continued kindness to the staff of the s.s. Sui An, Steward Yung Fun and staff, Boatwain Lee Kam and staff, s.s. Sai On, Steward Lam In, s.s. Kin San, Steward Yung Tung.

Capt. Birss sails from Hongkong on April 17 on the Empress of Australia with his wife, who has been in Hongkong for 18 years, and daughter. He has another daughter who is in England. They leave with the good wishes of many friends they have made during their sojourn here.

WHO WILL WIN?

To-night's Great
Question.

MOTOR CLUB FINAL.

The Prize Campaign of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald," which may be called the biggest enterprise for new subscribers ever conducted by any newspaper in South China, comes to a close to-night and it is to be added that the Campaign has been a qualified success.

The poll will close promptly at 6 o'clock to-night when the doors of the Campaign office in the Yee Sang Fat Building will be closed and locked. All contestants in the office at that hour will be issued on the subscriptions turned in, and the ballots placed in the ballot box. As soon as all have voted who wish to vote, the slot in the top of the ballot box will be sealed and the box will be turned over to the Judges present.

At the Hongkong Hotel Grill Room.

The counting of ballots and the awarding of prizes will take place during the dinner dance in the Grill Room at the Hongkong Hotel. The major prizes of the Campaign, the Buick Light Six and the Chevrolet, as well as the other prizes announced are ready for delivery. The lucky contestants will be able to drive off in their motor cars to-night if they so desire immediately after the result of the count is announced. The candidates who win to-night can feel that they have

CANTON DRAMA.

SOLDIERS INTERRUPT WEDDING.

GUESTS LOSE \$40,000.

Fantan King Taken Into Custody.

Several hundred guests attending a Canton wedding were suddenly surrounded by soldiers who robbed them of about \$40,000, it is said, because they ignored the order regarding the mourning for Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

This affair has been given considerable prominence in the Hongkong vernacular press and yesterday a "China Mail" reporter obtained confirmation of the story from one of the victims, who lost over \$500.

It is necessary to explain who the central figure of the coup is. During the last two or three years he has been an important figure in Canton politics. After a somewhat romantic career, he gained the patronage of General Fan Shek-sung, commanding one of the Yunnanese armies. General Fan until a little while ago was the most powerful militarist in Canton. Although only a young man, the bridegroom was the managing director of the fan-tan monopoly which contributed millions every year to General Fan's officers.

This last winter, General Fan took his troops up the West River. Power therefore reverted to General Yang Hsi-man, who has been commander-in-chief since his advent into the province. To all appearances, intercourse between the fan-tan king and the military chiefs continued smooth-

ly. Sometime ago, the fan-tan chief had arranged a public wedding as befitting a man of his rank and his wealth. Unfortunately, the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen intervened and the date fell within the period of mourning when all celebrations were forbidden.

Averse from postponing the auspicious occasion, the fan-tan king invited several hundred guests to his house on the appointed day. He himself possessed a retinue of a dozen or so armed bodyguards. Many of the visitors—influential men in the metropolis and the provinces—also brought their bodyguards. Altogether the number of hired men on the protection duty numbered over a hundred. However, their presence was of no avail. At the height of the celebrations about three hundred Yunnanese soldiers rushed into the house, brandishing Mauser pistols and revolvers.

The resulting consternation can best be imagined. After a search, the bridegroom was taken into custody, and marched away. Before the troops left they had searched practically everybody on the premises and taken away their money and valuables, at the same time admonishing them for being inconsiderate enough to participate in a celebration when Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the respected leader, had just died.

Quick to act, the guest who has since confirmed the affair hid his money in some paper scrolls which formed part of the wedding presents. To complete their task, the soldiers destroyed all the presents which had no intrinsic value and tore up the scrolls. As they were so doing, the money (in Hongkong banknotes) fell out to be pounced upon by the group of soldiers standing by. This guest even returned to the house after the party had left but he was not rewarded for his pains, as he could not find a cent.

The fan-tan king's arrest has caused a sensation. According to the latest reports, his release is contingent on payment of a fine of \$100,000 for infringing the mourning order, the fine being levied and to be paid, presumably, to the officers who planned the coup. It has since been reported that with the mediation of friendly counsels, the fine may be reduced to \$50,000.

Some of the bodyguards who remained by their masters' side were disarmed. Their weapons were confiscated.

WATER SUPPLY.

The comforting assurance that the restrictions in the Rider main districts will, shortly be cancelled has been given to Mr. Chow Shou-son who on behalf of Chinese gentlemen identified with public service approached the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs on the matter. No date has been fixed. It is understood, but at the earliest the restrictions will not be removed until Sunday (to-morrow).

FAMOUS VOLCANO'S FIERY ANGER.



This remarkable photograph, taken from an aeroplane which flew around the crater of Mount Etna, the famous Italian volcano, shows the center, one of the most active in the world, in eruption. Smoke, heat and molten lava belched forth from the volcano's mouth, endangering the lives of the daring aviators.

FURTHER DELAY.

MANTUA'S SAILING POSTPONED.

ELEVEN A.M. TO-MORROW.

Owing to further delays caused by the fog, the P. & O. liner s.s. "Mantua" will not be able to sail from Hongkong before 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The captain of the "Mantua" has sent a wireless message that he hopes to reach Hongkong this evening, but in any event the vessel will not leave here until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Passengers will sympathize with the Company's difficulty as the "Mantua," which was originally to have sailed this morning, is taking away one of the largest complements of the season.

LOCAL INVENTOR.

In the current issue of the "Government Gazette" it is notified that Letters Patent have been granted by the Registrar of Trade Marks to a local inventor, Mr. William Kerr, of No. 15, Stanley Terrace, Quarry Bay.

Mr. Kerr's patent is for "improvements in and relating to steam separators and the like." Mr. Kerr is on the staff of the Taikeo Dockyard and Engineering Co., Ltd.

been justly paid for their effort and it will be with great pleasure that the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald" will award the prizes.

Final Warning.

As the subscriptions have been turned in by the candidates during the Campaign, a voting ballot has been issued. These voting ballots are what will be counted by the Judges, and nothing else; so all candidates are warned to get these voting ballots into the ballot box at the Campaign Office, Yee Sang Fat Building, before 6 o'clock to-night.

A candidate may have millions of votes but if he does not put the voting ballots in the ballot box they will not be counted by the Judges. So cast your votes. If you have forgotten to bring down your ballots, or have lost them, or are late in getting to the office, they will not be counted. The Judges will count only those which are in the box and will award the prizes accordingly.

Don't wait until the last minute to turn in your ballots or subscriptions. There is bound to be a big crowd at the office at the last minute, so get your subscriptions in early. There will be someone in the Campaign Department all day and right up until the very close. So don't wait. Come in as soon as you can.

Get In Your Votes.
Everyone interested in the Campaign is invited to come to the Hongkong Hotel Grill Room to-night to see the votes counted and the prizes awarded. The

result of the count will be announced between dances. As soon as all votes have been counted the prizes will be awarded.

Candidates Bring Judges.
Candidates are requested to bring their own judges. Each candidate is requested to ask some representative person to act as judge. These judges may come to the Campaign Office before 6 p.m. and watch the official sealing of the ballot box, or go straight to the Hongkong Hotel Grill Room at 9 p.m. and start the count.

CAN YOU RECOGNISE THIS SPOT?



Only the Colony's older residents will recognise this spot as Pompeii. This is the scene of the film "The Last Days of Pompeii" which is being shown at the Hongkong Hotel Grill Room to-night. Our readers will find interesting references to Pompeii in an article which appears on page six of this issue.

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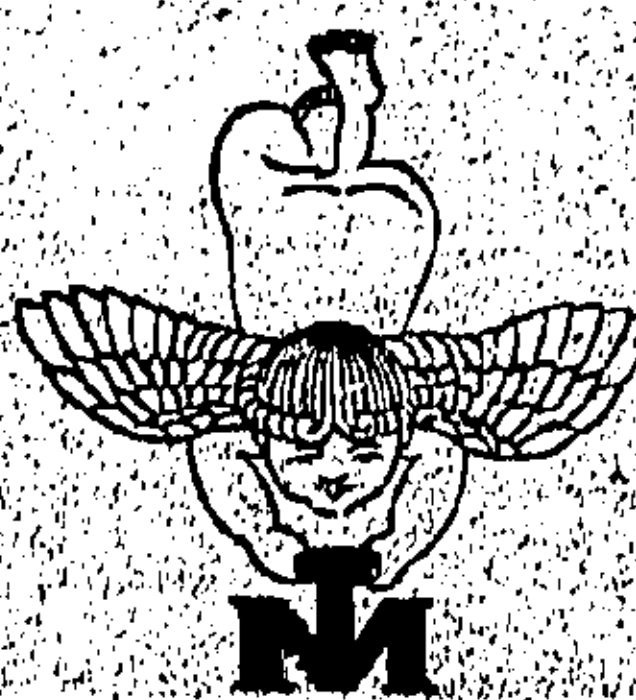
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ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting yesterday evening of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders Mr. B. L. Frost was elected President on the proposition of Mr. J. Tully, seconded by Mr. Hunter.

Mr. S. Baker presided over the early part of the meeting and after the allocation of the same charities as last year had been approved he commented on the membership, which he described as very good. The membership totalled 602, which showed a very substantial increase over last year's total. One thing to which he would like to call the attention of the members was the great decrease in bad debts. They had had considerable trouble for years over the matter of bad debts and he was glad to see the improvement last year. The scheme introduced last year of sending to members statements of their previous months' dues should be followed. He felt sure members would give their support. The Chairman took the opportunity of thanking the Librarian, Mr. Stokes, and Messrs. Brown and Leach, the Secretary and Treasurer, for their services.

The election of office-bearers then took place.
Upon his election as President Mr. Frost took over the Chairmanship of the meeting.

Other officials appointed were: Vice-presidents, Mr. E. Cook and Mr. J. Omission; Secretary, Mr. P. T. Farrell; Treasurer, Mr. R. Johnstone; Librarian, Mr. J. W. Stokes.

General Committee: Messrs. R. Hunter, G. J. Harman, J. E. Hansen, W. J. Hill, L. H. Kearne, A. W. J. Hoy, E. W. Blackmore, A. J. Stock, A. B. Haselett, T. G. Patterson, L. J. Blackburn and J. B. Hamilton.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were elected auditors.

Mr. Frost next distributed the prizes for the billiards competition conducted by the Institute, after which he made a short speech, thanking the prize-donors, the officials and Mr. R. E. Nicholson, of the Cosmopolitan Docks, and Mrs. J. Harrington, who generously supplied the flowers for the official tables at the Annual Ball of the Institute.

Mr. Tully raised a query in regard to the expenses of the annual ball which had involved a loss to the Club.

THE REPORT.

Matters of purely domestic interest were referred to in the annual report.

The result of the year's working shows a net profit of \$7,940.56 against \$6,898.04 for 1923.

The loss was referred to with regret of the following members:—Mr. H. Day, H. K. Electric Co., Mr. J. Edwards, s.s. Ko Chow, Mr. W. W. Harvey, Empress of Russia, Mr. J. V. Hunter, s.s. Shan Tung, Mr. J. S. Lang, s.s. Tangestan, and Mr. W. Ross.

The following are the results of the Handicaps completed for during the year.

1st Prize (Presented by The President) won by Mr. W. E. Douglas; 2nd Prize (Mr. J. Reid) won by Mr. A. J. Stock; Break Prize (Mr. P. T. Farrell) won by Mr. W. Brown.

1st Prize (Presented by Vice-President) Mr. J. B. Hamilton; 2nd Prize (Mr. K. E. Greig) Mr. R. Johnstone; Break Prize (Mr. A. K. Henderson) Mr. A. Leach.

1st Prize (Presented by J. I. Thornycroft Co.) Mr. A. J. Stock; 2nd Prize (Mr. G. Crist) Mr. B. L. Frost; Break Prize (Mr. W. Brown) Mr. L. J. Blackburn.

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LOCAL SPORT.

BILLIARDS.

SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNEY.

The draw for the semi-finals of the Soldiers' Club Billiards Cup competition is as follows:—
R. E. v. 38th Heavy Battery, R. A.

R. N. Dockyard Police v. Garrison Sergeants' Mess.

The first match was to have been played on Thursday night and last night and the second on April 6 and 7. The final will be decided on April 16 and 17.

Championship.

At the V.R.C. last night, P. S. Leung defeated Corporal Blonden, R.E. by 800 points to 673 in the second round of the billiards championship. Leung's highest break was 59 and Blonden's 35.

To-night, S. C. Kwok plays Ip Ping-lau in the second round, the winner to meet Leung in the third. Kwok is a former semi-finalist and should win if in form. Play in two sessions, commences at 6 p.m.

GOLF.

It has been notified that the new Fanning course has been flooded and will be closed during the week-end. Ladies will play on the old course starting when all men have driven off and must give way to all men's games.

YACHTING.

The Ladies' Cup, presented by ladies who took part in the championship, is down to be sailed for to-day. The course, from the Club line out to Fu To Chau, the Customs House in Junk Bay, covers about ten miles.

To-morrow the Handicap and Gael classes re-sail for the present ed cuns. The course is the same as before. Start at 10.30 a.m., finishing limit 6 p.m.

On Monday the race for the Blueseap cup (the presented cup in the ladies' championship) will also be re-sailed.

SPORTS POSTPONED.

The University Athletic Association's sports which were to have taken place this evening have been postponed until Wednesday, April 15, when the invitations already issued will hold good.

The Rev. Charles Brodie Shann, has been appointed one of the German Missions Trustees, in succession to the Ven. Archdeacon Barnett, resigned.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Captain H. Bloxham to act as Superintendent of Prisons during the absence of Mr. J. Franks, with effect from to-day.

(Mr. J. Tully) Mr. Blackmore; Break Prize (The Institution) Mr. W. Brown.

1st Prize (Presented by Mr. J. M. Ramsay) Mr. H. Smythe; 2nd Prize (Mr. J. McFarlane) Mr. R. Hunter; Break Prize (Mr. H. Smythe) Mr. A. Leach.

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NEW TURN.

MALABAR HILL CASE EVIDENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bombay, April 3.

There was a new turn to the Malabar Hill case when Phause said that in a statement to the police at Indore Mumtaz allegedly told Phause she was very willing to return to Indore as she was not so comfortable with Bawla.

Phause denied that the Maharaja of Indore had spoken to him regarding Mumtaz.

[Anand Rao Phause, adjutant general in the Indore State forces is one of the nine accused in the 'Malabar Hill' outrage which occurred early in January when Abdul Kadir Baula, a rich Mahomedan merchant and a member of the Bombay Corporation, was murdered in his motor-car, and Mumtaz Mustapha Begum, a girl with him, was disfigured with knives. The Bombay police hold the opinion the crime was the result of an attempt to abduct the girl. Baula, who had been protecting the girl for the last four months, had been repeatedly warned from hostile and friendly sources that his life was in danger, but he continued to keep the girl and disregarded the warnings. The girl was formerly attached to the palace of the Maharajah of Indore. Some time ago she escaped from Indore and made her way to Amritsar, where, it is alleged, numerous attempts were made to make her return to Indore.]

Mr. W. McG. Harlow has been recognised as a vice-consul in Hongkong for the U.S.A.

Baltimore, April 3.—Seventy million bushels of rice stored in grain elevators in Baltimore are being shipped to Russia before the 25th of the month under arrangements with the Soviet Government. —Reuter.

Geneva, April 3.—At a meeting of the Managing Board of the International Labour Office, the Director General was requested to give attention to the question of child labour in Shanghai and collect information with a view to discussion within the limits of the draft agreements previously adopted by the International Labour Conferences. —Reuter.

Tokyo, April 2.—The military air force, which hitherto had been recruited from all arms, is separating from May 1, on a plan designed to approximately double the force within the next six years. Though abolishing four army divisions, the actual personnel reduction is under 5,000. The combined manoeuvres to take place about the middle of April propose to study the best means for warding off a naval and air attack on Tokyo. —Daily Bulletin.

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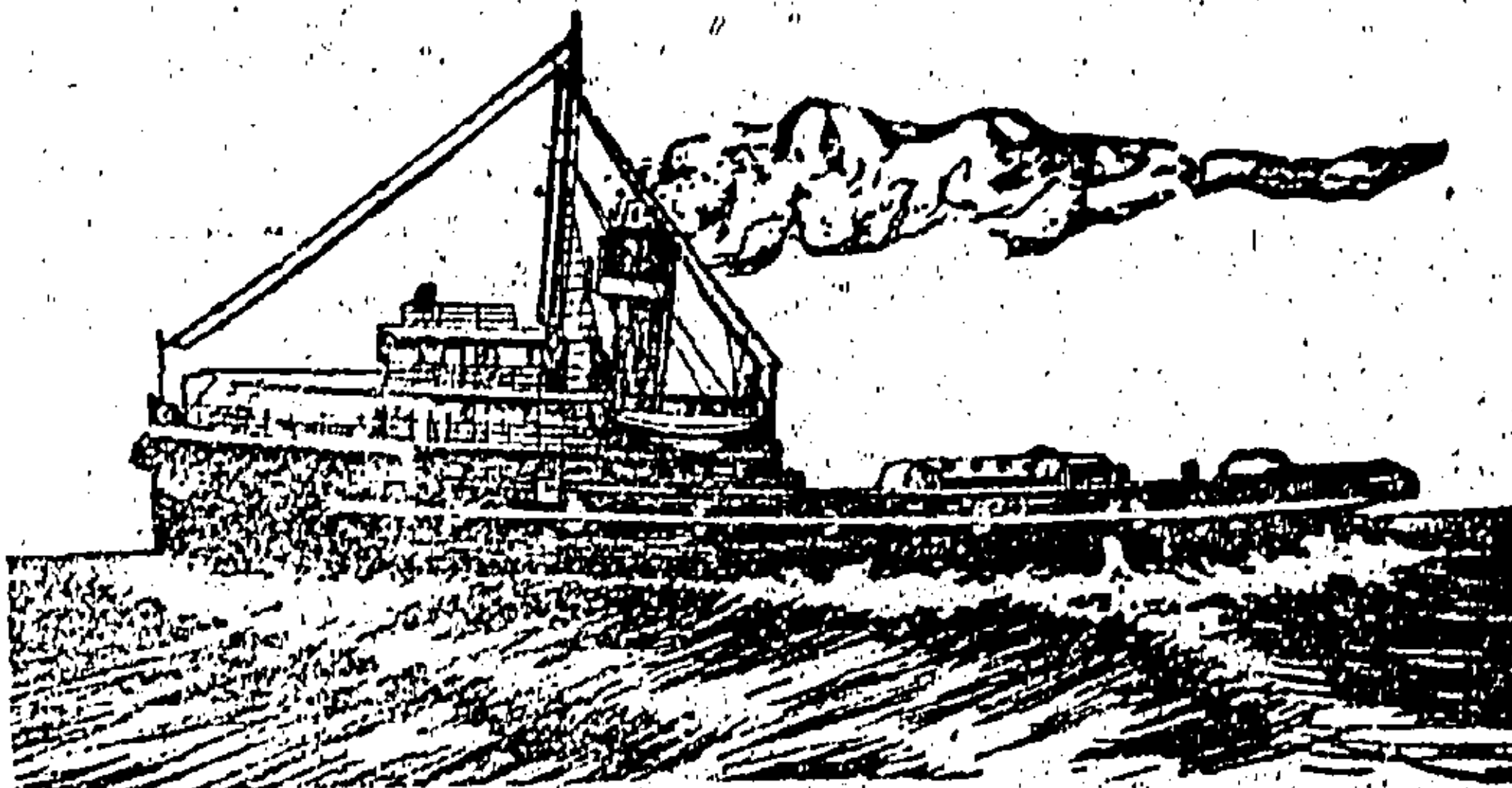
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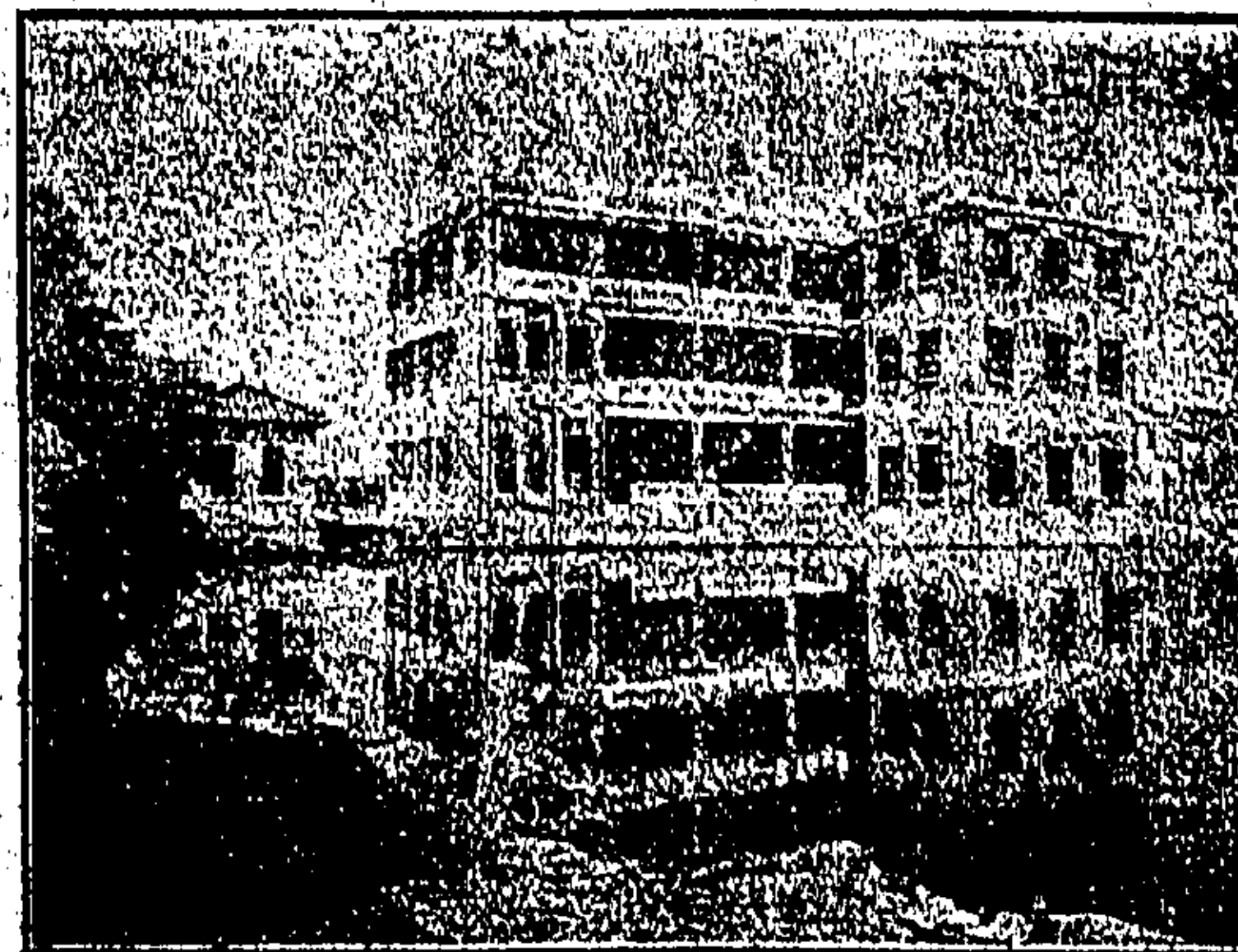
TUESDAY'S PRETTY KOWLOON WEDDING.



Photo by Mee Fong.

Miss Marjorie Thorpe Joy and Mr. Albert Edward Farrell taken with the Misses C. Hansen, A. Parkes and Everleigh, bridesmaids, Mr. H. R. Forsyth, best man, Mrs. W. Morley, bride's mother, Mr. Morley and others at their wedding at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

THE "KEI KWONG" HOSPITAL.



A general view of the hospital which Hongkong Chinese business men upon the initiative of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, have erected in their native city of Shue Kuei.



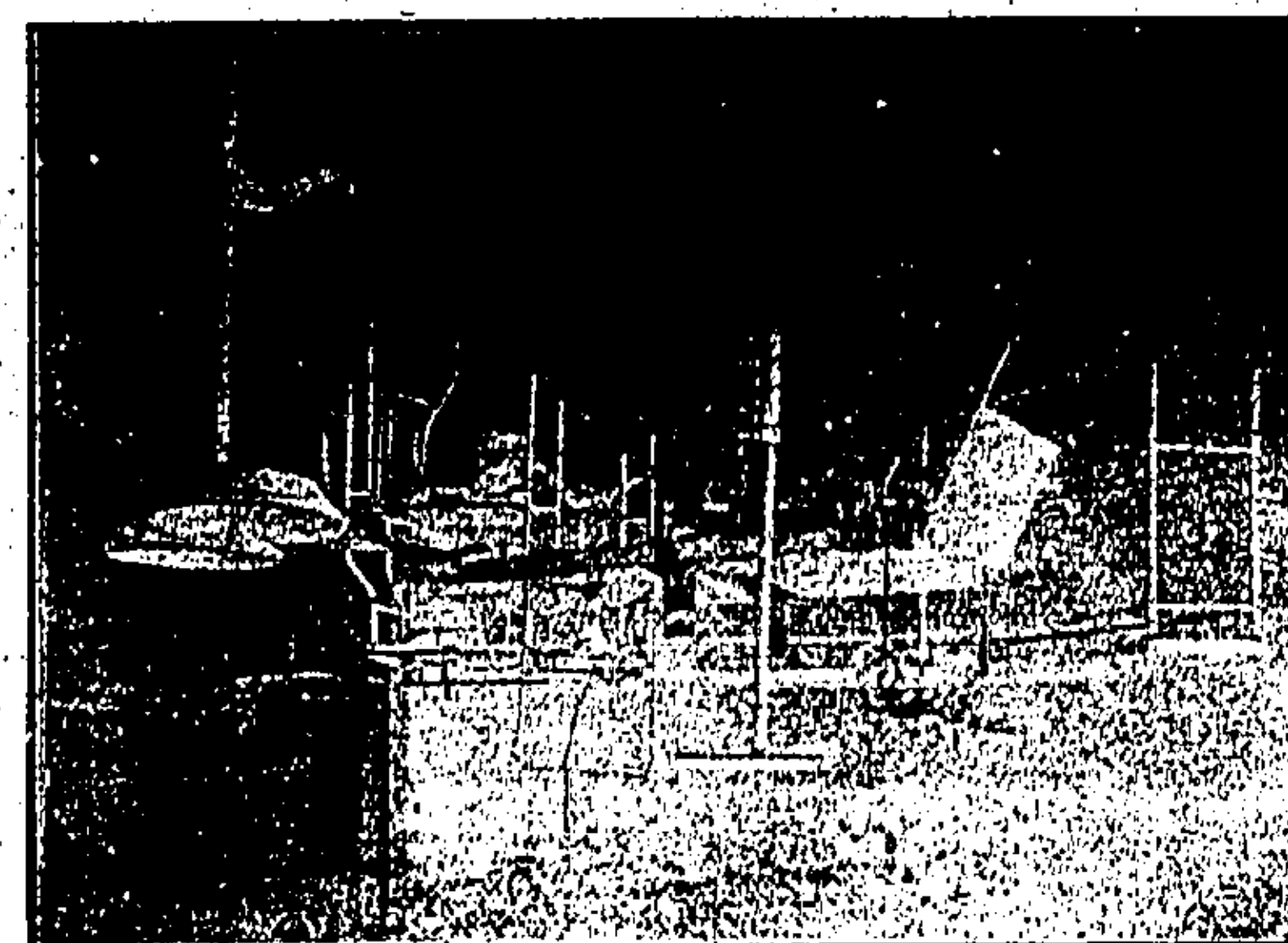
One of the wards.

NOTABLE HONGKONG CHINESE WEDDING.

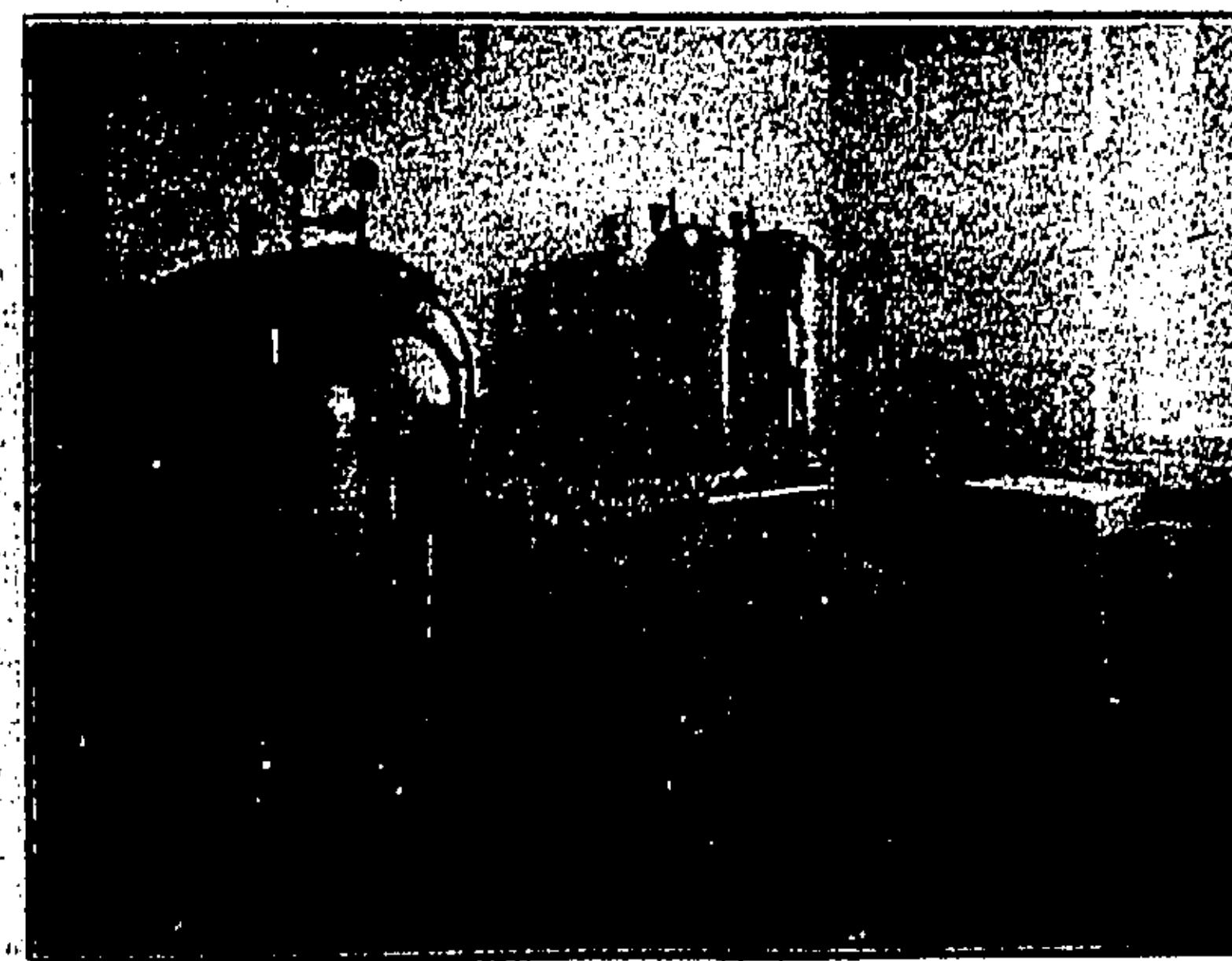


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Wedding group taken at St. Paul's Church on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Lam Sui-yue and Mr. I. C. Kung, B.A. The bride was on the staff of the St. Paul's Girls' School and the bridegroom is on the staff of the Bank of Canton, Ltd. The maid of honour was Miss Lam Sui-yan, sister of the bride, and Mr. S. C. Sung, of the Bank of Canton, was best man.



The operating table.



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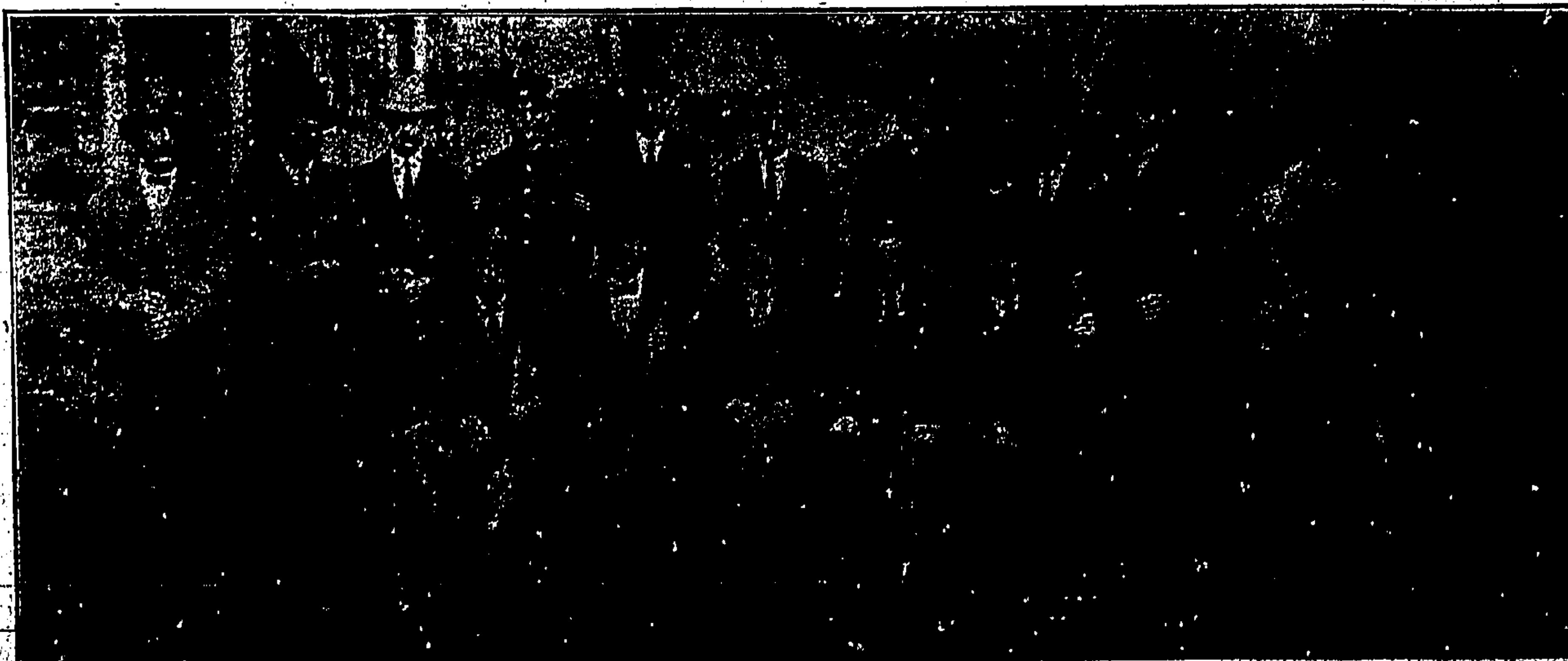


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This interesting group photograph shows the members of the Royal Naval Dockyard, Rifle Club.



IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE
LARGER STALACTITES MAY BE
500,000 YEARS OLD (W. H. DAVIS)

Geologist Explores Underground Chambers of Tremendous Size—Greatest Cave in the World Discovered in Solving Mystery of River.

By FRANKLIN JOHNSON

Vast caverns which are believed to be the largest in the world are recent geological discoveries in the southwestern portion of the United States.

Just how large these monster caves may prove to be is yet a matter of guesswork. Already explored for a distance of ten miles, the underground passages are expected to develop an extent beyond all previous sweeps of imagination. The explorations so far conducted are regarded as constituting merely a beginning.

Situated in the Guntabulo Mountains of New Mexico, twenty miles from the town of Carlsbad, the caverns were revealed through the explorations of Dr. Willis T. Lee, a distinguished geologist of the United States Geological Survey.

Discovered by Geologist. Dr. Lee's discovery came about through research designed to determine the underground flow of water in the region of the Pecos Valley. To such extent was his work rewarded that the remarkable formation has been deemed worthy of perpetuation among the National Monuments of the United States. This has been achieved by means of a proclamation issued by the president, setting the caverns aside for the benefit of the entire country as the Carlsbad Cavern National Monument.

Vast Dimensions. In length and breadth the caverns are astounding. To this characteristic is added the unusual size of the stalactites and stalagmites of this underground fairyland. Because of unusual geological conditions these formations are enlarged to gigantic dimensions. Instead of simulating large icicles, as usually seen, the stalactites have grown into huge pendants of an individual weight equivalent to several tons. The stalagmites have taken the form of enormous pillars, the size of giant trees.

In the face of these mammoth proportions the caverns are notable also for the finer manifestations of nature's handiwork. Delicate tracery is interwoven with fine canopies which give the underground chambers and passages a distinctive beauty regarded as unrivalled in any other place in the world. The heroic carvings and sculptures are beyond conception.

Everything is on a massive scale. The newly explored wonderland dwarfs other caves as the Rocky Mountains overshadow the Appalachians. Not even the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky can compare with the Carlsbad formation in extent and impressiveness. Dr. Lee's explorations have revealed mile upon mile of lofty galleries, many huge

amphitheatres and hundreds of antechambers, all dazzlingly decorated with natural sculptures of fine onyx reflecting the light like untold millions of diamonds. One chamber in particular compelled the unqualified awe and admiration of the scientist. In this vast area, a mile in length and a quarter of a mile in width, the torches disclosed an array of beauty scarcely to be believed. The scene was one which suggested a work of centuries and the part of ambitious decorators and gifted artists. From end to end the chamber is filled with onyx forms and figures, exquisitely shaped, and suggesting the statuary hall of a race of giants to whom the love of art was inherent.

Height Not Determined. The size of this vast chamber is still unknown. The rays of explorer's searchlight were lost at an upward range of three hundred feet. How far beyond the field of light the cavern extends cannot be determined without further exploration with more elaborate lighting equipment. The arching roof has an altitude that is not to be guessed. Dr. Lee declares that even

with the limitations of his own investigation the chamber affords ample room for hiding the United States Capitol building in one corner of the room without material interference with the free space of the huge apartment. Other chambers of similar size were disclosed. In many of the "hall rooms," or smaller apartments, there are vast spaces in which fifty-foot giants might hold their feasts and dances with no sense of crowding.

One of the largest apartments has been named Shinav's Wigwam, in fanciful allusion to the great warrior-wolf-god of the Navajo Indians. This Indian god was a cyclops who was believed to have used huge tree trunks for his arrows. The Petrified Forest of Arizona, strewn with trees turned to stone, is said to have been the hunting ground of Shinav, the petrified trunk of his broken arrows. The roof of Shinav's Wigwam is nearly 300 feet in height, gleaming with myriads of stalactites. The pendants are of sparkling onyx, varying in size from tiny ling onyx, varying in size from tiny brilliant icicles as delicate as a feminine forefinger, to giant masses weighing many tons apiece. Surrounding this remarkable room are small wigwams

GIANT CAVERNS NOW REVEALED



TWO CONSIDERABLE COLUMNS AS IN A CATHEDRAL RESULTING FROM THE JOINING OF STALACTITES AND STALAGMITES (PHOTO BY WILLIS T. LEE)



DOMES AND PILLARS WHICH HAVE BEEN FORMED THOUSANDS OF YEARS IN THE BUILDING (W. H. DAVIS)



GIANT COLUMN OF STALACTITE (W. H. DAVIS)



"TORN COLES" (PHOTO BY WILLIS T. LEE)

or ante-chambers, separated from the greater apartment by extraordinary Navajo blankets, curtains or draperies of the same glittering onyx.

Millions Of Years In Making. The rock out of which this incomparable cavern was sculptured is limestone, laid down in a stratum of 1,300 feet. The depth already explored extends 1,000 feet below the surface. Throughout millions of years water has time left there by many billions of drops of water gnawing into the great interior, and carrying most of it away

through springs issuing from the mountain sides.

The great chemical work of nature is still under way. Every trickling drop of water, charged with carbonic acid gas, dissolves a minute portion of the limestone. The water does not carry off all the lime thus dissolved, and therefore an infinitesimal amount is deposited upon the roof from which the drop is suspended. In time the time left there by many billions of drops of water gnawing into the great onyx icicle or stalactite. When a touch

of iron oxide is carried by the water this stalactite may be stained a striking red or pink or a rich brown. In the same way, the drop which may chance to fall to the floor of the cavern deposits there a bit of lime to build up an inverted icicle in the form of a stalagmite. These are the two dominant phenomena of the caverns, but they have expanded and transformed themselves into a thousand forms. Where the stalactites and stalagmites have joined they have formed spectacular crystal columns of fantastic shape. In some cases the formations have grown sideways into neighbouring columns, the series joining to form remarkable tapestries and curtain-like draperies of brilliant hue and apparently marvellous texture. Some of these appear as soft and warm as plush. In the torchlight they shimmer and seem almost to rustle like filmy silks of infinite shadings and variety.

Geologists have roughly guessed the age of the Carlsbad Caverns at three million years. Measurements of growing stalactite caves in Europe, covering long periods, have made it possible to estimate the rate of growth. With this basis the measurements of the Carlsbad Caverns will give an idea of the length of time occupied by nature's work. It is possible that the process has been going on for five hundred times the world's recorded history.

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He came to the screen well prepared by several seasons on the New York stage. Experience with Griffith, Metro and a few others made an excellent actor of him. He recently signed with Goldwyn for three years. He started his film career with G. M. Anderson, once famous as "Broncho Billy."

One of Bower's most vivid portrayals was that of the husband in June Novak's drama of society, "Divorce," released by Film Booking Offices.

Bowers is the proud possessor of a schooner yacht and a Hudson car.

It is rumoured that there were parental objections to his adoption of the stage as a profession. He believes that the actor's and actress's private life should remain inviolate, a sealed book.

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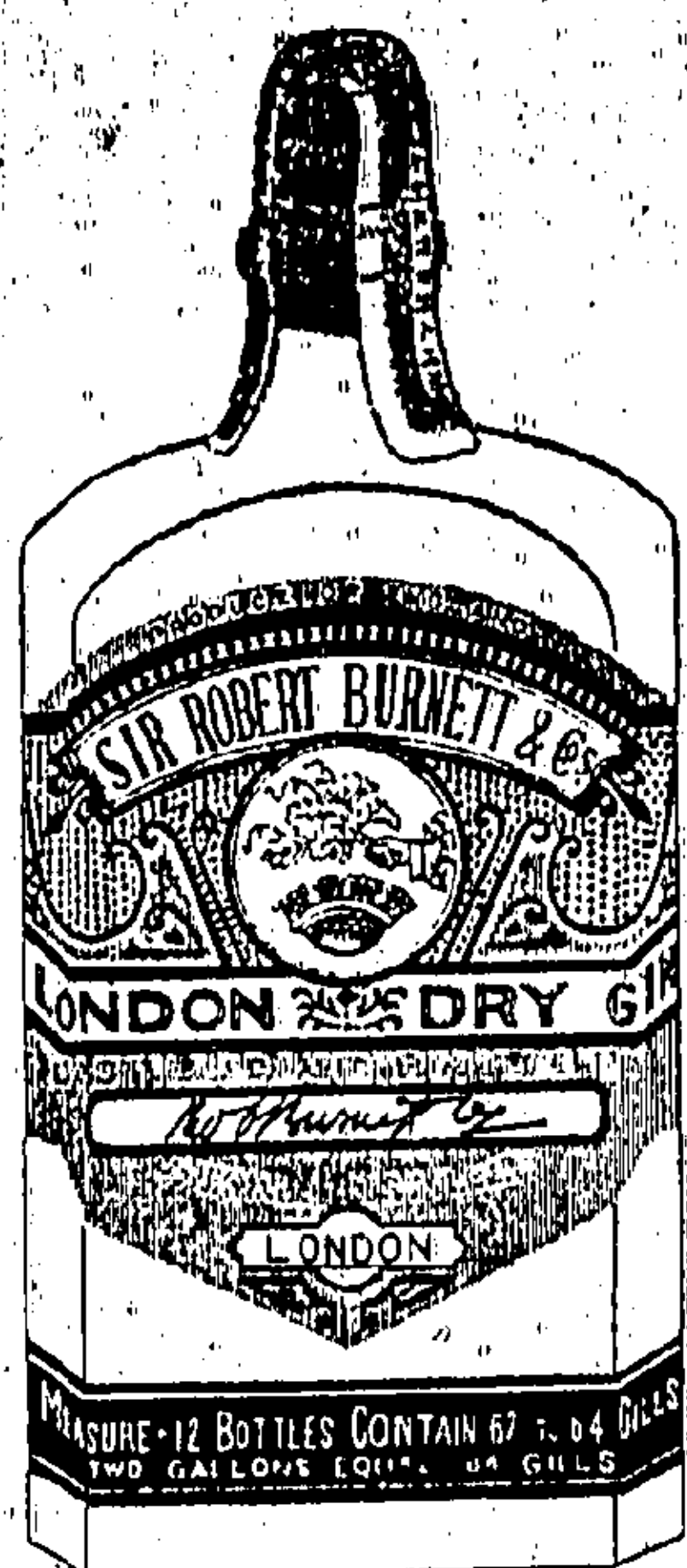
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ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement is announced
of Mr. William E. Wilson, of the
Hongkong Police, to Miss Helen
E. Arnold, of Hongkong.

Hongkong, Saturday, April 4, 1925.

TRADE REVIVAL.

We may derive satisfaction
from the knowledge that at last
British trade is within sight of
normal times. The progress in
the past two years had been slow
but steady. The optimistic state-
ments by those high financial
authorities, the Chairman of the
leading British Banks, at the
recent annual meetings, show that
they have every confidence in a
trade revival. Capital issues last
year were in advance of 1922, and
well above the average. In the
Money Market the year was
characterised by a higher range
of money and discount rates and
the London Bankers' Clearing
House disclosed a fresh record in
the total of cheques and Bills
cleared. The manifest improve-
ment in business on the Stock
Exchange is attributed chiefly to
a renewal of confidence in the
political outlook. The fears
aroused by the accession to power
of a Labour Government proved
without foundation, but not until
Mr. Baldwin was again in the
saddle did prices fully revive.
The gratifying rise in sterling
is abundant proof of Britain's
financial stability, and a
return to the gold standard (the
export of gold has been pro-
hibited since the War) is clearly

indicated. British shipping re-
covered in some measure from
the depression of the last few
years and a greater volume of
trade was carried. As the result,
insurance business improved,
which affords further evidence
of greater commercial activity.
The export trade of the textile
industries was substantially
better than in 1923. The general
engineering trades, the ship-
building yards, the electrical
industry and the tin-plate trade
all did well, but the wool industry
suffered on account of the heavy
foreign demand for raw material,
the coal industry was depressed,
and the iron and steel trades did
only fairly well. There are many
encouraging signs, but many still
be doomed to disappointment
unless there is industrial peace
at home. It was said recently
that the Cabinet had arrived at
a definite decision to reduce the
aggregate amount paid out in
unemployment and insurance
benefit, and it is to be hoped this
will have the effect of bringing all
efficient and able-bodied men into
the ranks of industry.

Patriarchs of Scholarship.

The recent deaths of Sir James
Ramsay of Bamf and Sir Clifford
Allbutt make one suspect that the
life of a scholar conduces more to
longevity than any other calling.
The former was in his 93rd and
the latter in his 89th year. Both
had busy and distinguished
careers: for one was a great
historian and the other was the
"Grand Old Man" of British medi-
cine. Sir James Ramsay, who
was the head of a most ancient
Scottish family, early decided,
after trying the Bar and politics,
that his true path lay in scholar-
ship, and for more than half a
century devoted himself to the
mediaeval history of England. It
is awe-inspiring to think that two
years ago the last volume of a
work was issued which was begun
before the Franco-German war! Sir
James's volumes are the chief
authority on that intricate period
of English history between the
Normans and the Tudors. He
had few of the literary graces,
but he was an exact and luminous
writer somewhat after the pattern
of S. R. Gardiner, and his history
is admirably arranged. He worked
to the very end of his life, and
until far on into the 'eighties he
might have been seen busy in the
Reading or the British Museum.
He is known as the father of
two distinguished daughters: one
married the late Provost of
Trinity College, Cambridge, after
taking the highest classical
honours at that University; an-
other is the Duchess of Atholl.
Sir Clifford Allbutt, like the late
Sir Norman Moore, was a repre-

sentative of the old school of
physicians who were also scholars.
He did brilliant work for medical
science, but the outside world
knows him chiefly by his volumes
on medicine and mediaeval
thought, and on medicine in
Greece and Rome. Like Sir James
Ramsay, he was, in his day, a
distinguished Alpine climber and
was of the school of indefatigable
pedestrians founded by Leslie
Stephen.

Open All Night.

Are we approaching the stage
when Hongkong may be said to be
open all night? The beginning of
this month has witnessed the
institution of a late Kowloon
Ferry. People keeping social
engagements have no need to
hurry: there is a ferry at 1 a.m.
Not only that but travellers from
Canton having to cross the har-
bour, appreciate a sensible boon
for which they are prepared to
pay. The same reform should
certainly be instituted in connec-
tion with the lower level trams
and the Peak trams. It is not
uncommon for visitors to the
Theatre Royal to find no car avail-
able. If, as often happens, the
entertainment ceases after 11.30
p.m. This shows lack of enter-
prise and not a little indifference
to public needs, on the part of a
public utility company which
should keep well within—if not a
little outside—the implied condi-
tions of its licence. The public
needs are of paramount impor-
tance and should be so recognised.
A monopoly should not rust into
monotony. Conditions with re-
gard to the Peak are fairly
reasonable in view of the privilege
that exists of hiring special and
late cars. In the way of catering
for those desiring refreshments,
Hongkong cannot be said to be in
bad circumstances. We are less
puritanical than has been alleged
and the fact of late ferries seems
to suggest evidence of increase in
social activities. There is now a
demand for a 2 a.m. ferry. It
will be interesting to see if this
request will be granted. If so we
may well say Hongkong is open
all night.

Going Home.

The poet Browning told us
England was just the place to be
in when April's there. It is prob-
ably this thought that excites the
imagination of those who are due
for Home leave. They do not
arrive in April, but in the early
days of May when there is that
faint suspicion of change in
things English which means calm
and sunny days, and things—
whether in town or country—take
on that appearance which can
only be described as English.
And so it is that year by year, the
exodus from Hongkong is big in
numbers and in anticipation: for
the mind, after even a few seasons
of Hongkong life, scenes and
surroundings, dwells more than
perhaps is good for it, on "Home
dearie Home." Fortunate indeed
is the sojourner in these parts
who has to face the interesting
problem of Home leave. The
question of cost of passage is
generally solved at the beginning,
and the choice only of route re-
mains—all of sufficient interest
and education to make them
doubly attractive. A happy holi-
day then to those on their way and
happy dreams to those who, at
the moment, live in anticipation.

LOCAL BANKNOTES.

HOW MUCH HAVE YOU GOT?

Returns of the average
amount of Bank Notes in circula-
tion and of Specie in Reserve in
Hongkong, during the month
ended Mar. 31, 1925, as certified
by the Managers of the respective
Banks:—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$11,122,100	\$5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank- ing Corporation	41,022,548	20,000,000†
Merchants Bank of India, Limited.	1,216,810	550,000‡
Total...	\$53,361,527	\$25,550,000

* Sterling Securities deposited
with the Crown Agents valued
at \$1,057,000.

† Securities with the Crown
Agents and Straits Govern-
ment \$3,091,000.

‡ Securities with the Crown
Agents \$130,000.

The following statement of the
securities lodged with the Crown
Agents by the Mercantile Bank of
India, Limited, against their notes
in circulation, is published for
general information under Section
4 of the Mercantile Bank Note
Issue Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance
No. 65 of 1911):—

Security.	Amount.	Estimated value.
5% Treasury Bonds India 1890	2,100,000	102-105

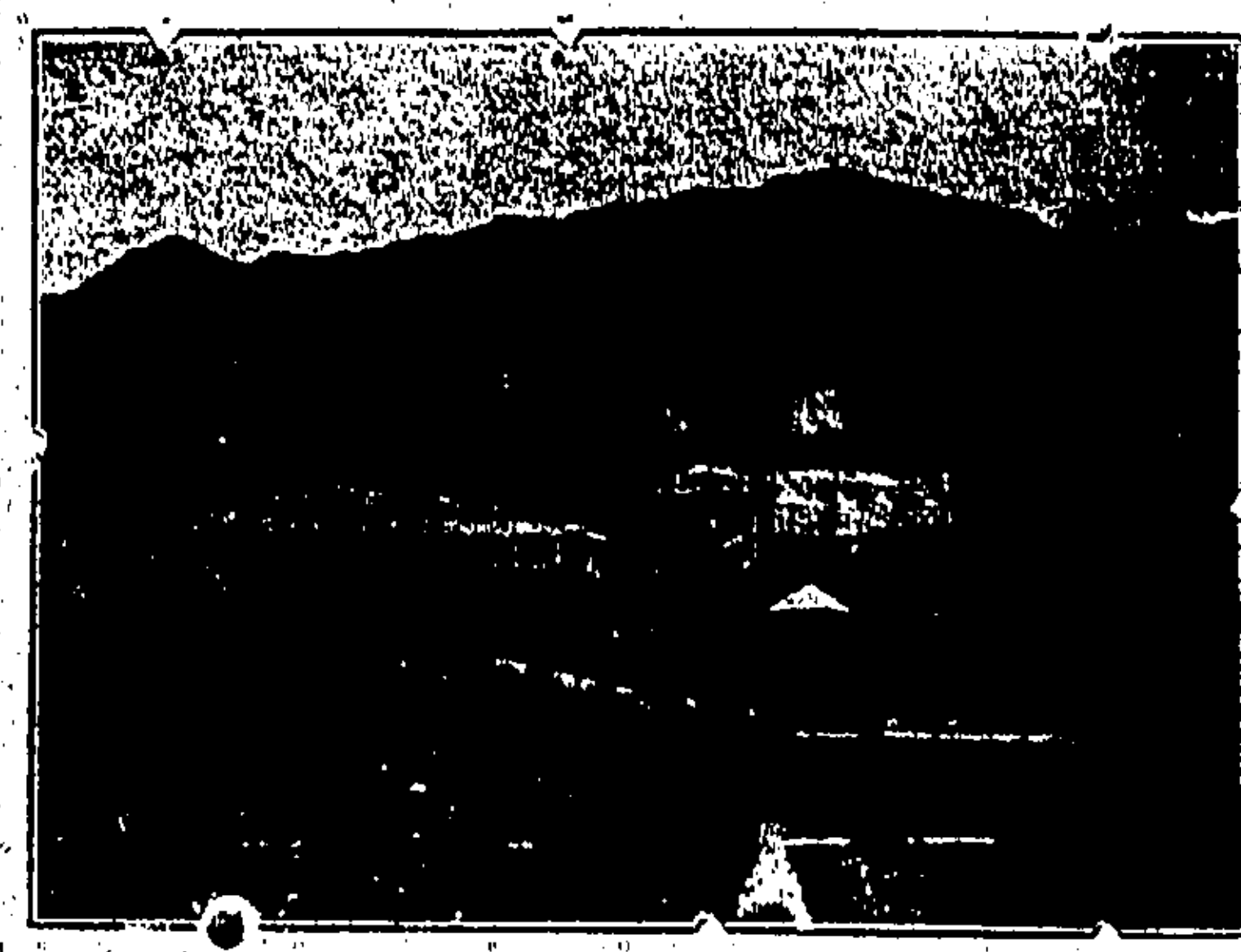
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DISMAL PROPHECY'S VISION.

"PERNICIOUS CLIMATE."

"One of the Most Unhealthy Spots In the World."

Taken from an old book written by Mr. H. R. Fox Bourne and published in the year 1869, entitled "The Story Of Our Colonies," the following will serve to illustrate to the present day reader the improvement which can come to a city within a short span of years.

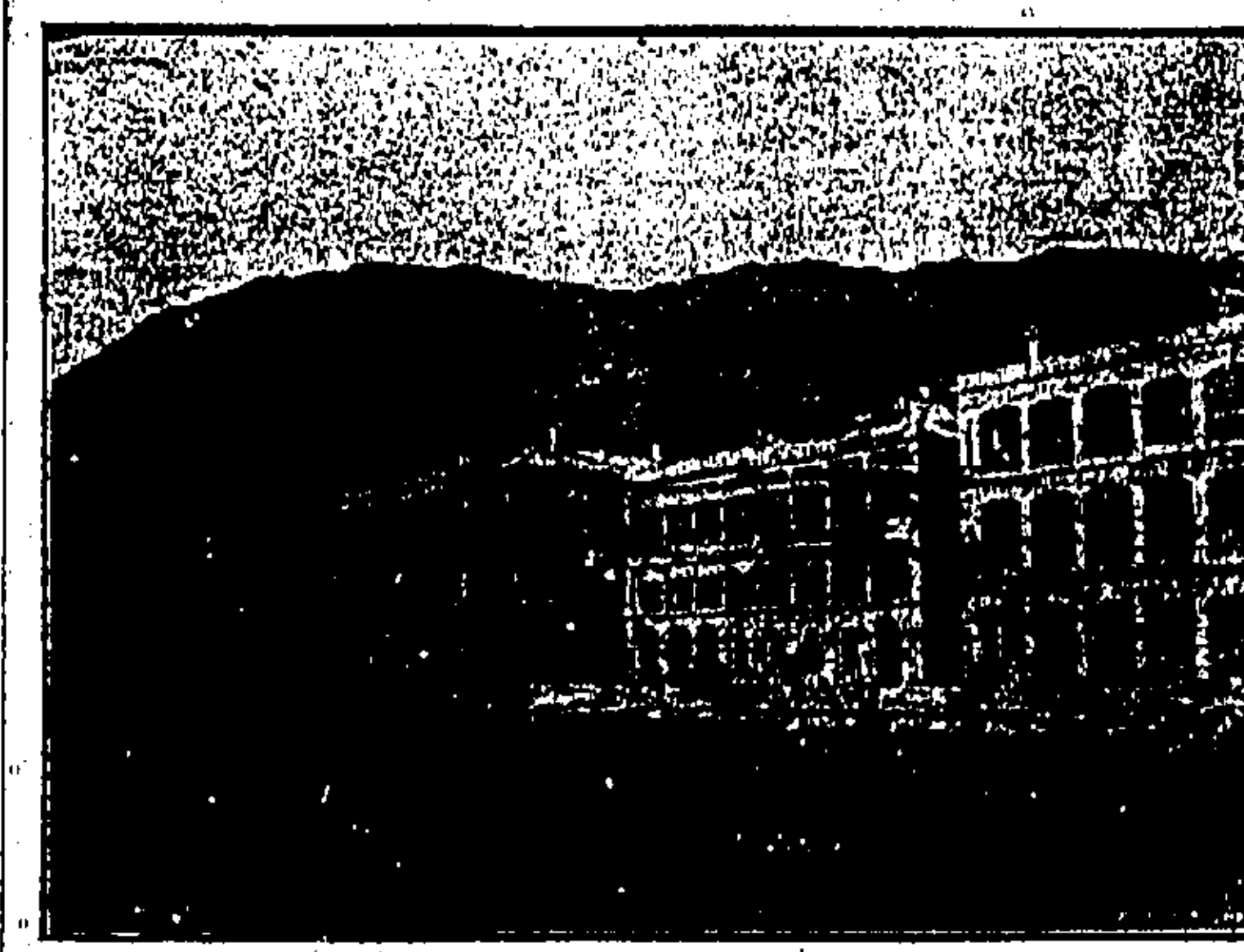


Hongkong as it looked about the time the accompanying text was written.

"Much of the trade by which
Singapore is enriched is derived
from China, and passes through
the little island of Hongkong, the
smallest of all the colonies of
Great Britain. The island con-
sists of a broken ridge of moun-
tainous hills at an average height
of about 1,000 feet: but from this
ridge and its spurs various conical
mountains rise to the height of
1,500 or 2,000 feet above the sea,
and are very precipitous. The
greater part of the coast shelves
abruptly from the ocean, parti-

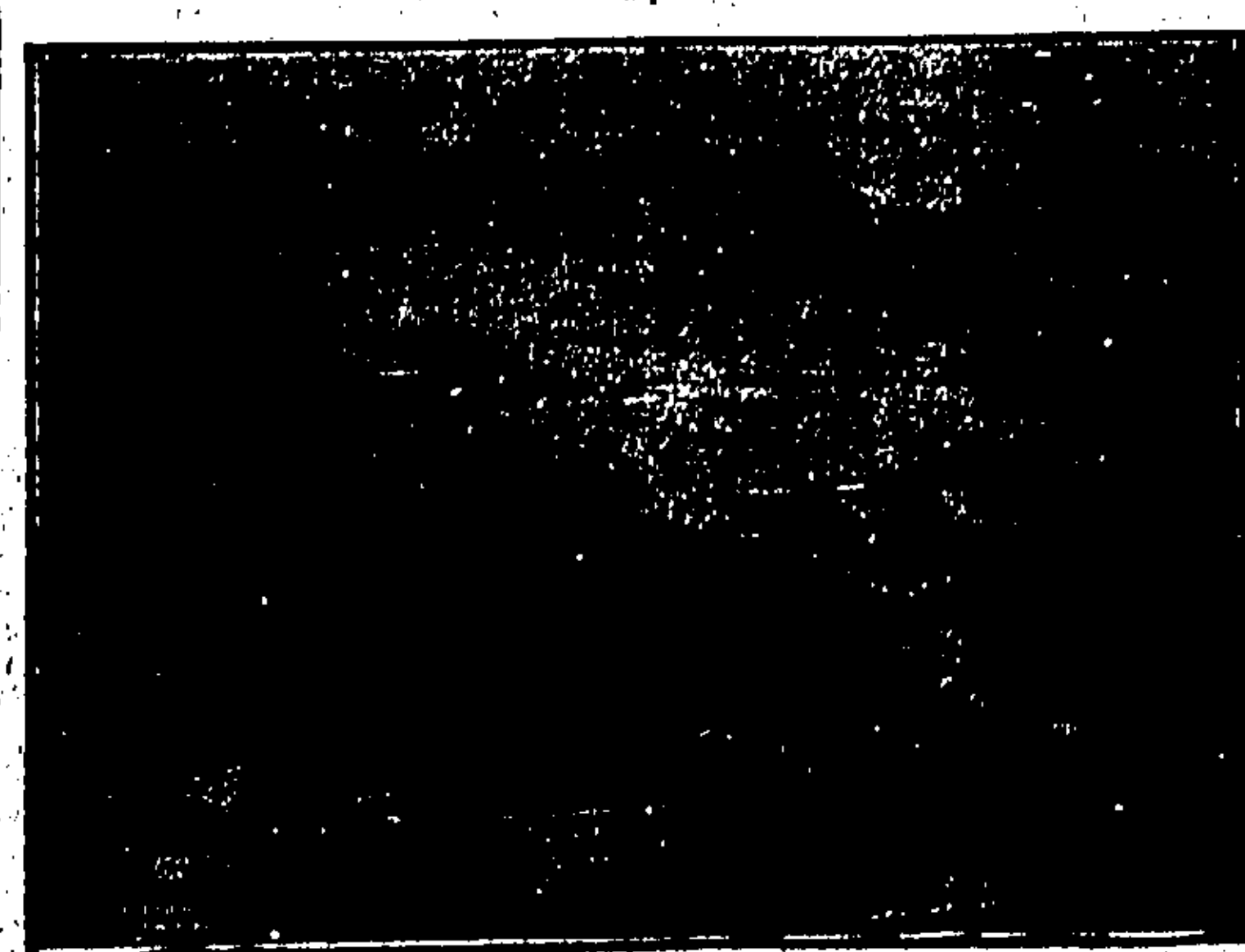
island-rock; but its geological
formation, and the pernicious
climate to which it is exposed,
render it one of the most un-
healthy spots in the world.

This inhospitable little island,
with an area of about 30 square
miles, for centuries the haunt of
Chinese pirates and smugglers,
was ceded to Great Britain by
China in 1842 as a free port for
trade and a naval station for the
protection of British interests in
Chinese waters. To it was added
the small peninsula of Kowloon in



The old Praya front which is now Queen's Road Central.

cularly on the north face. There
are a few narrow valleys and deep
ravines through which the sea
occasionally bursts, or which serve
as conduits for the mountain
torrents: but on the north side of
the island, especially where the
town of Victoria is built, the rocky
ridge approaches close to the
harbour; and it was only by
heaving through this ridge that a
street or road could be made to
connect the straggling lines of
buildings which extend along the



Contrast this with our crowded harbour of to-day!

water's edge for nearly four miles.
Here and there, on the tops of
some isolated hills, or along the
precipitous slopes of the moun-
tains, scattered houses have been
constructed; but rugged, broken,
and abrupt precipices, with deep
rocky ravines, must effectually
prevent any contracted population
from being able to provide effi-
ciently for its own protection
cleanliness, and comfort. Hong-
kong cannot be said to possess any
vegetation: a few goats, with
difficulty find pasture. A
rugged beauty characterizes the

commerce is passing from the un-
healthy rock in the south to more
attractive and more commodious
places on the northern coast."

What a pity that this ancient
dismal prophat is not alive to-day
to visit our beautiful Colony, and
after viewing the architectural
wonders of the Peak, to learn from
our Chamber of Commerce that
the imports of the Colony for the
year 1919 were \$90,651,708, and
the exports \$108,942,984, and
from the Sanitary Board that our
health rate is higher than that of
any other large city in the Far
East.

FRANCE'S CRISIS.

CAPITAL LEVY TO BE IMPOSED. MORE TROUBLE AHEAD.

Fresh Elections Predicted For Near Future.

France is imposing a capital levy of ten per cent. to tide over her financial troubles, but an early political crisis is predicted resulting in fresh elections.

HARD CHOICE. (Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 3. The fiscal measures recommended by M. Clementel including a fifty per cent. increase in the income tax were dropped by the Government which is resolutely opposed to any increase in the note circulation.

accepted a compromise as regards the Vatican.

Paris, April 3. In the Chamber of Deputies, M. Herriot refused to make a statement on M. Clementel's resignation. In the afternoon he obtained an adjournment sine die of an interpellation which made the question one of confidence, only the Communists opposing him.

FIGURES IN THE FRENCH CRISIS.



M. Painleve.



M. Clementel.

But in order to provide the Treasury with the necessary funds probably the Government will ask authority from Parliament to introduce a capital levy, the payments to be spread over ten years.

Ten Years To Pay.

Paris, April 3. According to "Le Temps" the proposed capital levy will be ten per cent. payable over ten years with facilities for settlement in advance.

Impartial observers, however, anticipate an early political crisis resulting in dissolution and fresh elections.

Post Declined.

"Le Temps" confirms the report that M. Loucheur declined the Finance Ministry before M. De Monzie accepted as he disagreed with the Government's plans for dealing with the financial crisis.

New Man At The Helm.

Paris, April 2. M. De Monzie, the new Finance Minister is a barrister aged 45. He is a member of the Radical group in the Senate known as the Gauche Democratique.

He was the principal initiator of the resumption of relations with Russia. He opposed the abolition of the Embassy at the Vatican and it is reported his acceptance of office was conditional on the Government adopting a compromise whereby the Charge d'Affaires representing Alsace-Lorraine at the Vatican would take care of the interests of the rest of France.

Stronger Position.

This will strengthen the Government's position in the forthcoming debate on the Vatican question in the Senate for if the Government had persisted in demanding a rupture with the Vatican it would probably have been defeated. On the other hand if the Government had yielded to the Socialist demand for a capital levy and the Senate had thrown out the measure the Government would have been faced with the dilemma of resigning or dissolving Parliament and appealing to the country.

Terms Accepted.

Paris, April 3. M. De Monzie has confirmed the report that the Government has

foreshadowed a Bill embodying a reform to set the country's finances on their feet.

Ironical Opposition laughter greeted his opinion that this alone would ensure the revalorization of the franc and a fall in the cost of living.

The Chamber adjourned until Tuesday.

M. Herriot speaking at a Party meeting later said the principles governing the elaboration of the Government's schemes consisted principally of the sort of capital levy which would more particularly affect acquired wealth while avoiding interfering with wealth in the course of formation.

EARLIER CABLES.

Paris, April 3. The seriousness of the financial crisis is indicated by a Cabinet meeting which lasted till five o'clock in the morning. M. Painleve and the President of the Chamber were present. The report that the Cabinet has resigned is unfounded.

Later.

The Finance Minister, M. Clementel, has resigned.

The resignation, which was accepted, followed M. Herriot's unexpected intervention in the Senate last evening to deny the Government's reported intention to make a fresh note issue. M. Herriot had been urgently summoned from the Chamber to clear up misunderstandings among the Senators arising from M. Clementel's speech dealing with Treasury inflation. The ex-Minister M. De Monzie has been nominated to succeed M. Clementel.

HUBBUB IN THE SENATE.

The fact that staid Senators almost came to blows while M. Herriot's replies to the bombardment of questions were practically inaudible above the hubbub, reflects the general excitement culminating from the persistent reports of an imminent capital levy and currency inflation.

M. Clementel explaining his resignation in the "Matin" reveals a disagreement a few days ago in the Cabinet, which favoured the briefest possible statement in the

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

LAST BAD YEAR.

DUNLOP COMPANY'S PROSPECTS.

RUBBER PROBLEMS.

SIR ERIC GEDDES TO VISIT MALACCA.

LONDON, April 3.

Presiding at the general meeting of Dunlop's, Sir Eric Geddes announced the payment of a dividend on three classes of preference shares. The dividend was being passed on ordinary shares with a view to accumulating substantial reserves.

He recorded enormous expansion in the home and export trade.

The company was not yet entirely on its feet but he hoped this was the last year shareholders would be asked to make a sacrifice. He announced that he would visit Malacca this year to inquire into matters affecting the estates.

He said the result of the restriction of the rubber output was that the only countries where development could occur were those not under the British flag.

It seemed most unfair that they should be denied the right to bring home rubber while they were obliged to buy largely from another nation.

Restriction, admittedly, was temporary but the whole question should be again investigated unless the development of new areas was to pass entirely to the Dutch Indies and elsewhere.

CORN PANIC.

PRICES REACH LOWEST LEVEL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

CHICAGO, April 3.

The corn market was in a state of semi-demoralisation to-day. Prices declined six to seven cents and reached the lowest level of the season. Urgent selling to stop losses showed that the market was not supported.

£100,000 FLOATING DOCK.

(Reuter's Service.)

SYDNEY, April 3.

The managers of Walsh Island Dockyard have submitted to the Navy Board proposals for the construction of a floating dock at Newcastle, New South Wales for commercial and naval purposes. The dock is estimated to cost over £100,000.

SCHMIDT TREATY.

(Reuter's Service.)

THE HAGUE, April 3.

The Belgian and Dutch navigation agreement has been signed.

Senate regarding the financial difficulties, whereas M. Clementel recommended new taxation on alcohol and tobacco and additional income tax instead of launching vast levies.

The seriousness of the issue is emphasised in the papers, which dwell on the precariousness of the position of the whole government. They point out that the financial situation remains to be resolved.

M. Herriot is faced with further embarrassment on the Vatican issue, the vote on which comes up in a few days.

FRANC FLUCTUATES VIOLENTLY.

The exchange market opened unsettled owing to the financial situation in France. French francs were heavily offered and fluctuated violently. Belgian francs were weaker in sympathy. It had little effect on the stock exchange but French issues were marked down about half per cent.

[Yesterday's cables stated that it appears that the Treasury does not know which way to turn to meet its liabilities, which are aggravated by the fact that many milliards of short term loans are maturing in the summer and the bank note issue, no longer sufficient for commercial needs. The latest Bank of France statement shows that the bank notes issue is dangerously near the legal limit of forty-one milliards.

M. Clementel, in a speech in the Senate attributed the high watermark of the note issue to the hoarding of bank notes. In order to cope with this, he foreshadowed a new issue only to be employed for discounting commercial bills signed by the most solvent traders. He denied that this is inflation. He mentioned that Britain, France and Belgium have agreed to market five hundred million gold marks worth of Dawes scheme railway bonds in October. M. Herriot, who followed M. Clementel, emphasised the Government's opposition to inflation. He said there was no intention to make a fresh note issue. To cope with the situation, the Government desired a clean treasury.]

"VIA NORTH POLE."

FLIGHT FROM LONDON TO TOKYO. FIFTY FLYING HOURS.

Norwegian Airman's Ambitious Scheme.

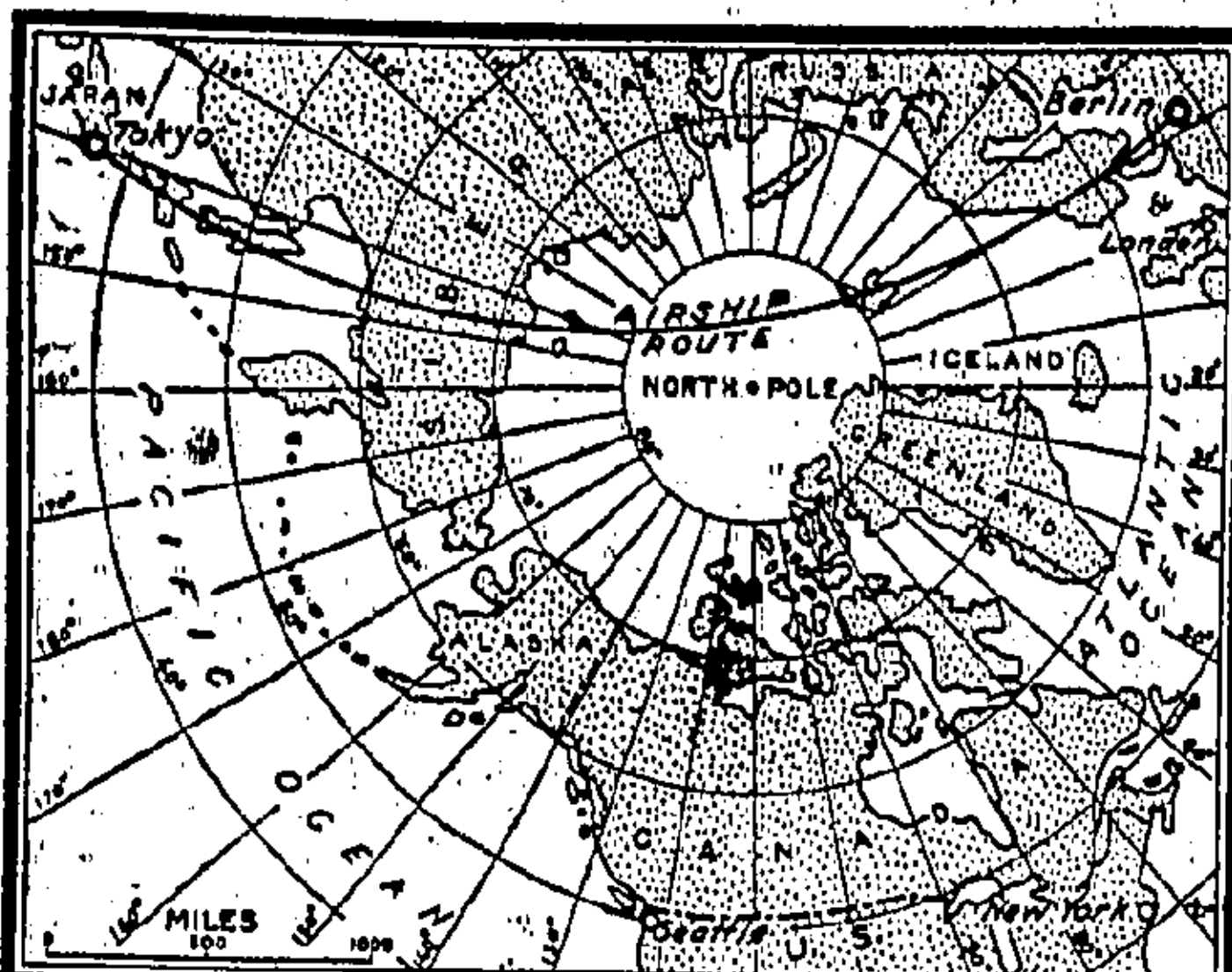
Will the North Pole ever be a stopping place in an air ferry between London and Tokyo? The easy confidence with which a Norwegian aviator-explorer discusses plans for a 5,000-mile flight would seem to indicate that he does not think it impossible.

San Francisco.

An aeroplane flight from London to Tokyo, via the North Pole, to be made this summer, is being planned by Haakon Hammer, flying aide to Captain Amundsen on his last polar expedition.

Columbia, Northern Greenland.

It was calculated then that the flight could be done in 15 hours. And as the Larsen plane had proved beforehand that it could stay in the air for 32 hours, and as it was to be handled by a highly



POLAR AIR ROUTE—German and Japanese interests are planning a direct airship line between Berlin and Tokyo, via the North Pole. Airships, twice the size of the Los Angeles, will be built, reducing to five days an ocean route of five weeks.

Hammer has come here from Japan, where he has completed his arrangements, and is en route to London to buy and equip a special Dornier all-metal plane. He says that the flight is only 5,000 miles, and can be made in 50 flying hours, with two stops for re-fuelling.

An aeroplane to fly over the North Pole must be safe and solid.

skilled pilot, O. Oundal, of Norway, there were high hopes of success.

But bad weather rolled up and in August the expedition was abandoned.

Previously an attempt to fly over the North Pole was made by a Swedish aeronaut, S. A. Andree, in a balloon. This was in 1897.

With two companions Andree ascended at 2.30 p.m., carrying

HOW IT CAN BE DONE.



Captain Amundsen pointing out how it would be possible to fly across the North Pole.

In 1922 the explorer Amundsen made plans for such a flight, and selected a Larsen plane, built entirely of metal, and particularly stable.

His idea was to sail to Point Barrow, in the far north of Alaska, and thence proceed in this machine across the Polar Basin, flying over the North Pole to Cape

five tons of supplies, and at 10 p.m. the same day he dropped a buoy containing a message describing his progress.

That was the last that was heard of him. Years afterwards there were rumours that a balloon had been discovered in North America or Siberia, but no authentic news of the expedition was ever received.

AMERICA'S ENVOY.

NEW MINISTER TO PEKING.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 3. President Coolidge has appointed Mr. McMurray, Assistant Secretary of State, successor to Mr. Schurman as Minister to Peking.

JOINING FORCES.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, April 3. A joint conference of the Centre, Democrat and Social Democrat Parties has nominated the former Chancellor Dr. Marx as candidate for the Presidency.

Berlin, April 3.—The Socialist ex-Premier, Herr Braun, has been re-elected Prussian Premier by 250 out of 432 votes.—Reuter.

COTTON ANXIETY.

IMPORTANT MANCHESTER CONFERENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, April 3.

A private conference of the employers of all branches of the cotton industry was held at Manchester to consider the serious position of the industry after three years' trade depression.

The conference was the result of a suggestion of the special committee of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners, who pointed out that the spinners and weavers had borne the heaviest share of the losses amounting to millions sterling and the time had arrived when the subsidiary trades should co-operate to reduce costs of production and help bring Lancashire yarn and cloth again within the reach of the poor populations of tropical countries.

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TROUBLE IN THE BALKANS—Banks of the Danube are reported to have crossed the Yugoslav border into Bulgaria and to have attacked villages in the vicinity of Sofia. The disturbance is believed to have been a part of the Goshavik movement.

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His Excellency the Hon. Frank B. Kellogg, former American
Ambassador to the Court of St. James, has arrived in the United
States. He has been appointed Secretary of State to succeed Charles
Evans Hughes, resigned.



CAPT. E. M. JOYCE.

Captain E. M. Joyce, member of
the Shackleton expedition to the
South Pole, arrived at Southampton
on the S.S. Aquitania.



MRS. IDA HUGHES.

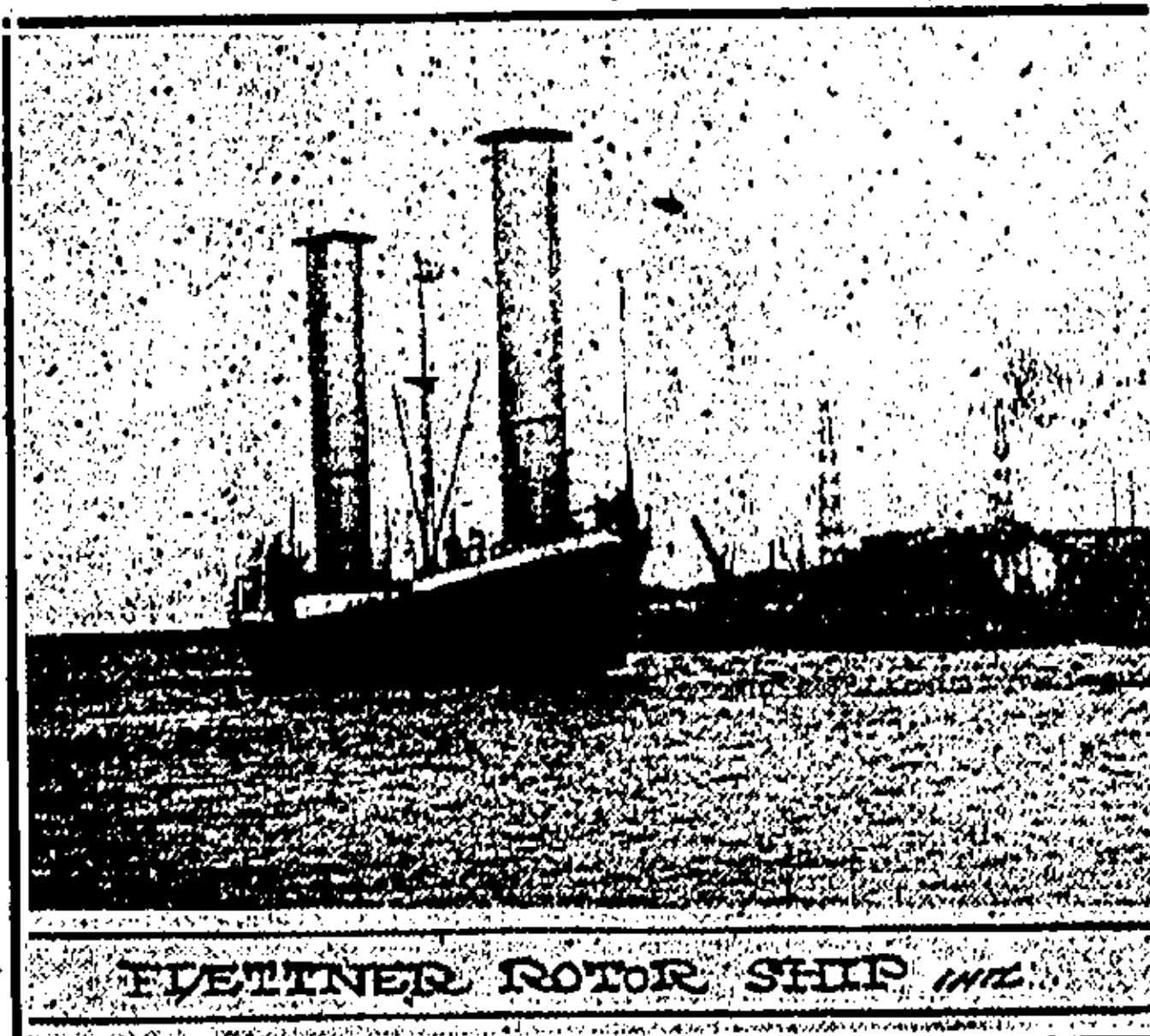
The appeal of Mrs. Ida Hughes, convicted of the murder of her
husband's mother, for a new trial has been refused by the Supreme
Court of Georgia. She is shown in her cell. Mrs. Hughes has said
that she is "ready to die."



M. FUZE, INTL.

M. Fuze, long prominent in the
affairs of the Soviet Government, has
been appointed president of the
Revolutionary and Military Council
of Russia, succeeding Leon Trotsky.

ROTOR SHIP'S SEVERE TEST.



FLETTNER ROTOR SHIP.

The famous Flettner rotor ship is shown entering the harbour of
Danzig, the Polish munitions port, on its first long voyage to a port
in Scotland as a test of its practicability.



L. K. W. RELANDER.

L. K. W. Relander, for many
years an outstanding figure in Fin-
land's politics, has been elected
president of that country.



GLORIA SWANSON.

Gloria Swanson, who recently married the Marquis de la Falaise
in Paris, and who is reported to be dying there of peritonitis following
an operation.



JOHN JACOB ASTOR.

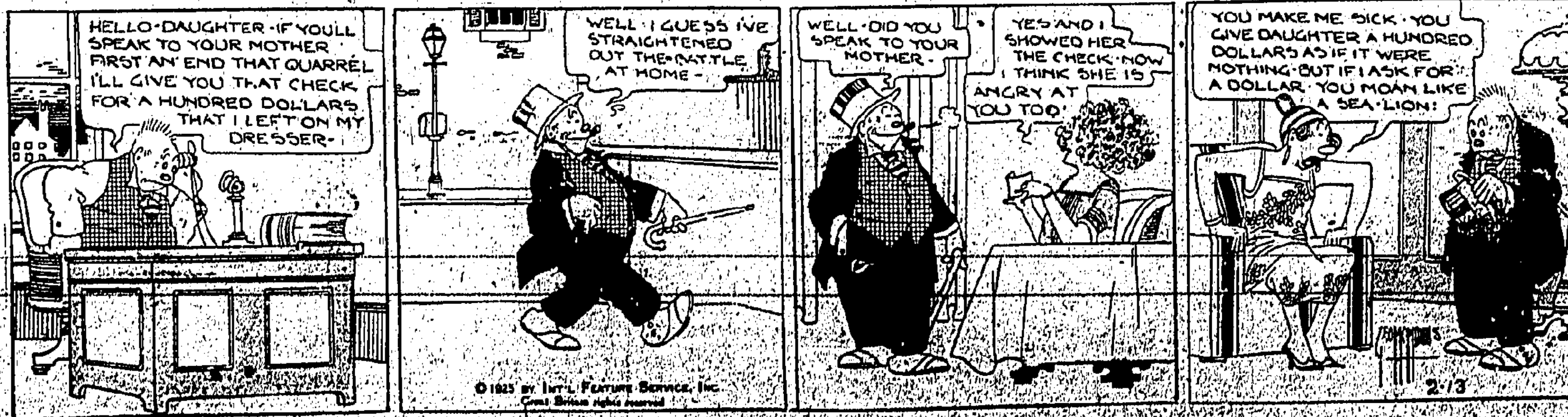
John Jacob Astor, son of the late
John Jacob Astor, who lost his life
in the Titanic disaster, is the youth-
ful scion of one of the greatest
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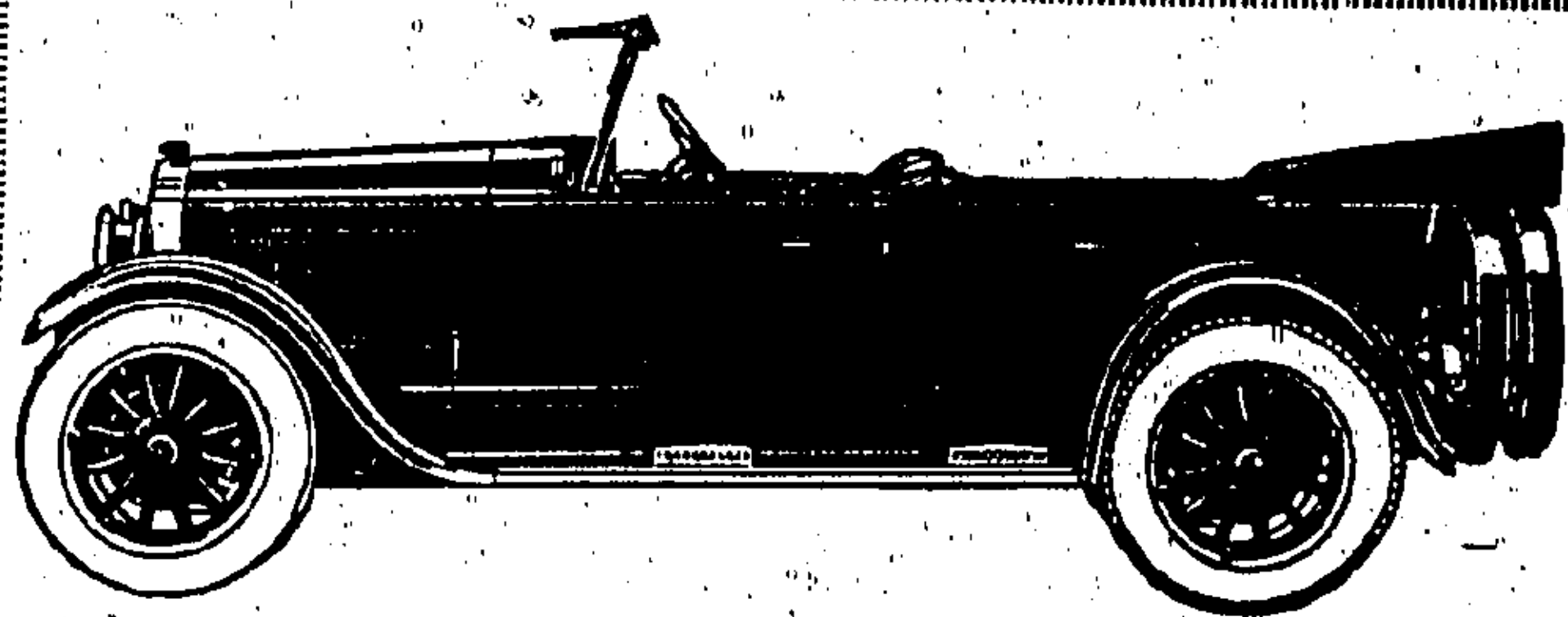
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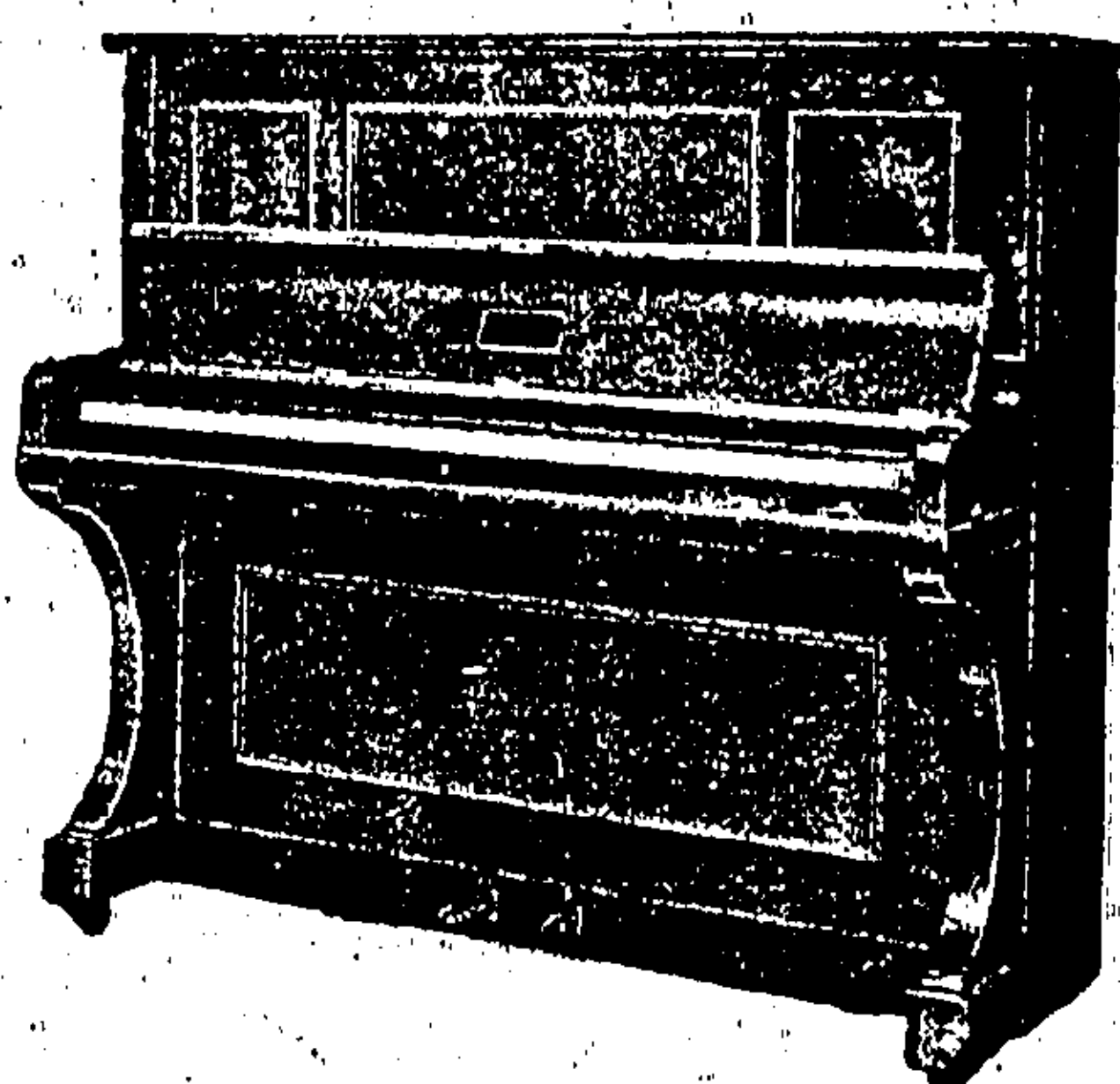
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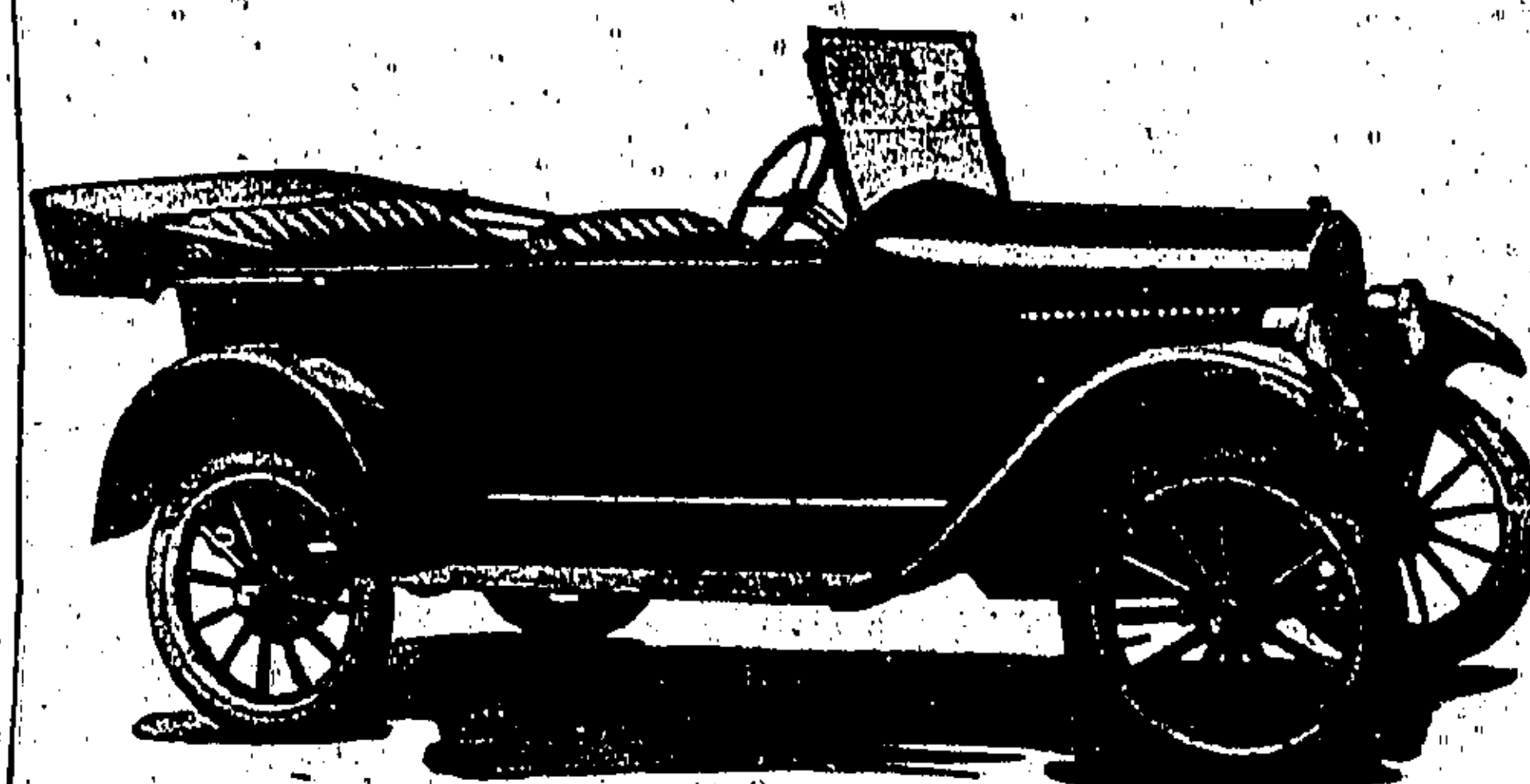
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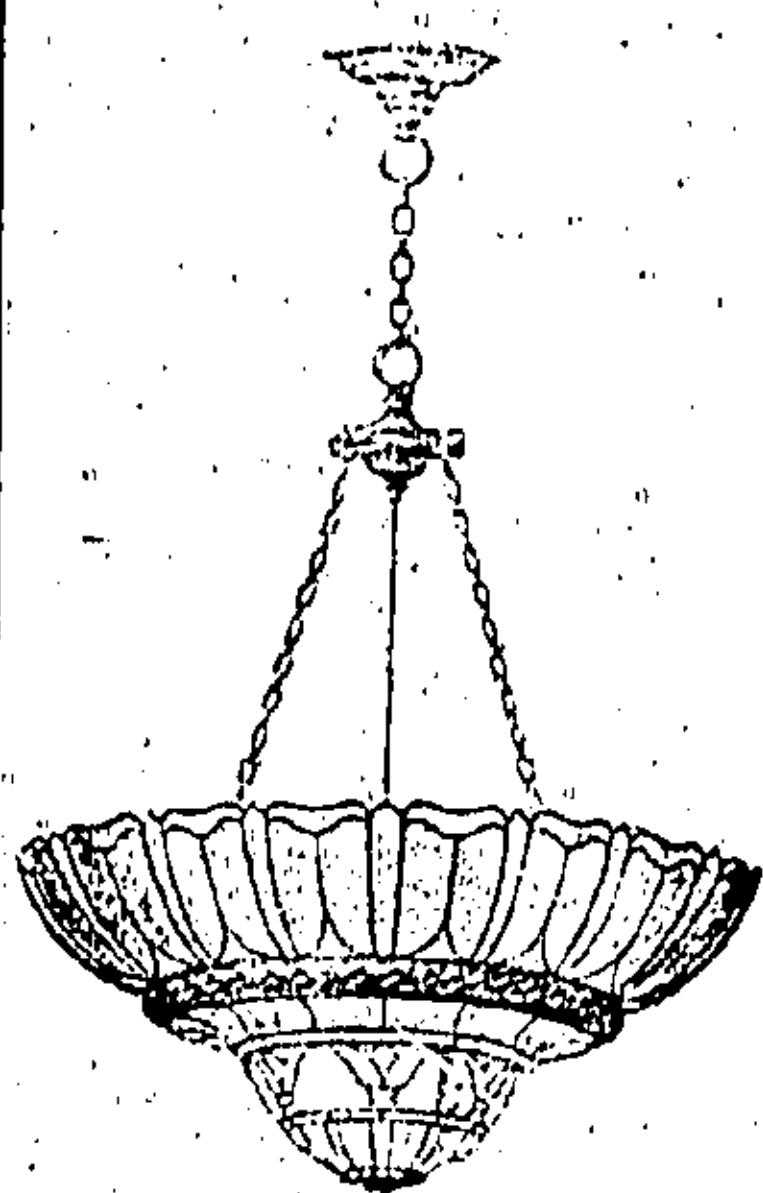
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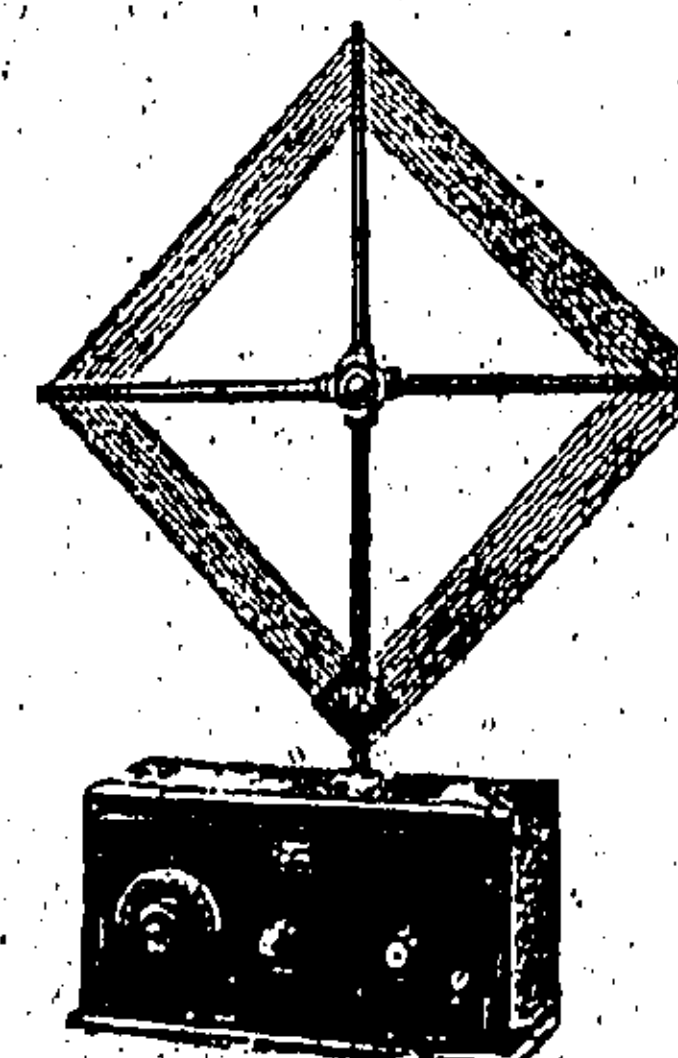
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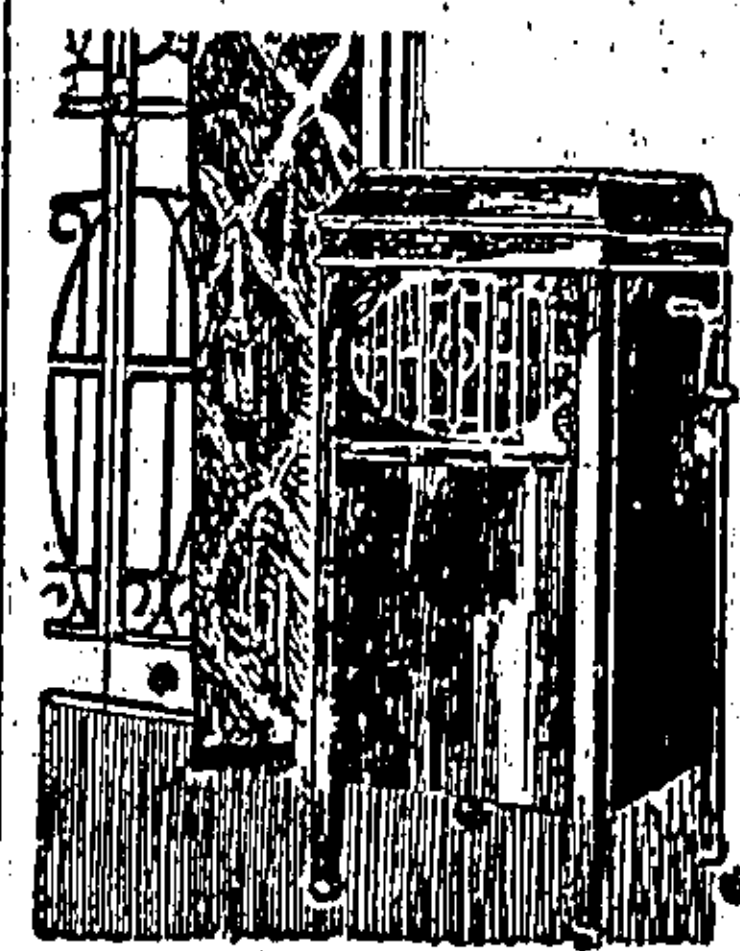
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Shanghai's latest importation is "Velvet" icecream—"made in America."

For the 24 hours ended Tuesday, one case of diphtheria and one of enteric fever was notified. Both cases were Chinese.

Siamese newspapers state that to defray the cost of the National Exhibition a two million ticket lottery is proposed, with one ticket tickets.

Among the annual reports from overseas dioceses which have been received by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel within the last few weeks, one very encouraging feature is noticeable, viz., the increase in the number of native priests and deacons. During the past year four priests and three deacons were ordained in the diocese of North China, and two priests and one deacon in the diocese of Labuan and Sarawak. Of the last, the deacon was the first of his race—he is a Sea Dyak—to be ordained.

The following from the Shanghai municipal Gazette brings to the fore the question of Happy Valley:

Sale of Refreshments—The tender of Messrs. The Chocolate Shop, 35 Nanking Road, for the privilege of catering for the supply of refreshments in Parks and Open Spaces for the ensuing season has been accepted upon payment by the tenderers of the sum of \$900. As heretofore, the privilege is granted on condition that European supervision will be exercised and that no alcoholic beverages are supplied.

During the dry season in Manila it is proposed to sprinkle macadam streets with water from the Bay. With 17 auto sprinklers available at present, four pumps of the department of engineering and public works together with those from the government ice plant and the San Miguel Brewery will be employed to pump water from the bay. City Engineering Santiago Artiga has recommended that 26 auto sprinkler trucks of 850 gallons capacity, be purchased before April 7 to enable his department to cope with the exigencies of the season.

The "Gazette" calls for tenders for the improvement and widening of the road through Quarry Bay village.

It is officially announced that a constant supply of water will be turned on in all rider main districts from to-morrow.

Tenders are invited by the Government for a second extension to the Hunghom (railway) carriage shed, foundation contract for the Jail at Ngan Shi Wan and quarters for Indian married Police in the New Territories.

Samples examined and analysed during the month of March included the following:—Butter 2, Flour 3, coffee 5, bread 3, milk 20, condensed milk 2 and fresh cream 1. All were found satisfactory with the exception of two samples of milk.

The Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Easter Vacation, except on Public and General Holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed. The Easter Vacation begins on April 10, 1925, and terminates on April 16, (both days inclusive).

In connection with the visit of the U.S. Huron, flagship of the American Asiatic Fleet, it is announced that the men have been made honorary members of the Naval Canton, and have been invited to attend the cinematograph shows on H.M.S. Tamar. Some of the American officers have been invited to dinner on Wednesday next by the officers of the Tamar.

The children's hour at the Helena May Institute was an exceptionally interesting one, the occasion being a lecture on "Submarines," by Lieut.-Commander Crane. The lecturer gave a graphic description of the submarine, briefly outlining how it came into being, tracing its history from the earliest design up to the present day type of underwater craft. He then described the method of diving, why submerging was carried out, how it was performed and how the ascent to the surface was made.

The Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral would be glad of further supplies of books for use in the prison.

It has been suggested that the new Church to arise in place of St. Peter's, West Point, should be built at Fanling!

Notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended Thursday last consisted of one case of small pox, one of diphtheria and one of cerebro-spinal fever—all Chinese.

The "China Mail" has received for review C. R. Boyd Freeman's "By Thor, No!" with the following interesting dedication:—

To
The Royal Society of St. George and its branches throughout the world;
The Societies of St. George in New York and Charleston (U.S.A.);
The Ku Klux Klan (U.S.A.);
—All, Champions of Anglo-Saxondom;
And to the Rationalist Press Association (London),
Champion of intellectual independence.

Writing of the prohibition of the bagpipes in Preston, a Glasgow paper says:—This is the second or third time this sort of thing has happened within the last few weeks. Indian and African regiments have adopted the Highland bagpipe; the new nations of Europe are sounding it in the ears of their former oppressors; the Irish Free State has a base imitation of it, which it declares to be the true original. England alone remains churlishly unresponsive to the charms of pibrochs, laments, and Strathspeys. Are we to lie down to this insult? We gave England a royal dynasty, we all but forced Presbyterianism upon her, and she received with gratitude our great gift of whisky. What ails her at the pipes? The best defence, it is said, is in attack. Let our Scottish members insist that instruction in pipe music be made compulsory in English schools—even if it should involve a similar regulation in Scotland.

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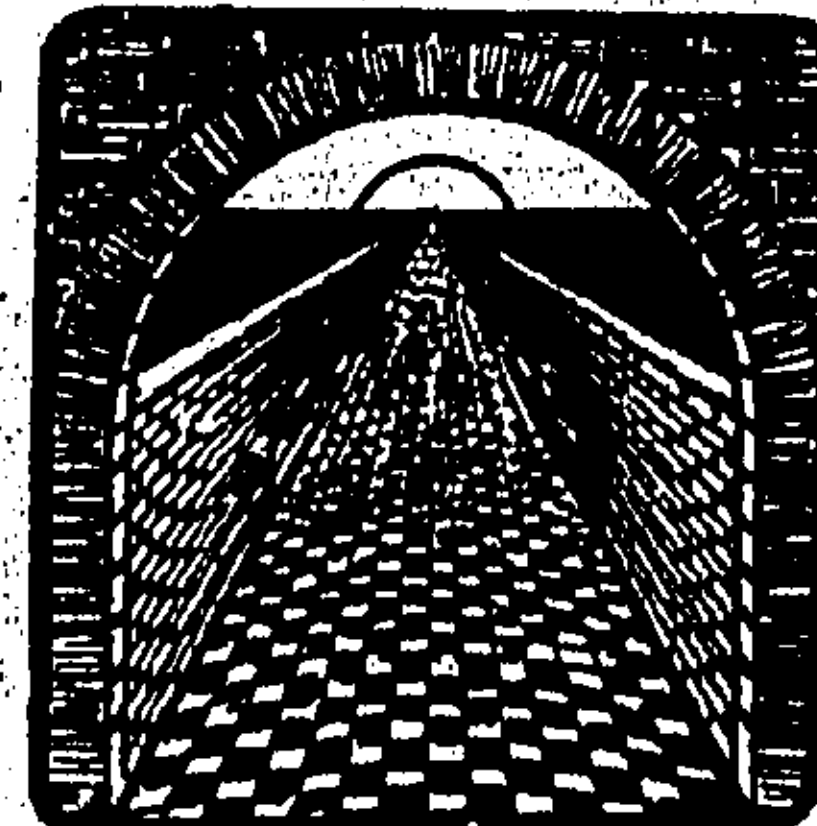
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The following unclaimed telegram is posted on the Notice Board at the Hongkong Hotel:—
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Goods returned. See letters. c/o Post Office Muirathnam.

On Monday next, a party of engineering students of the Hongkong University is proceeding to Canton to pay a visit to the chief engineering works in the city. The Hockey Club is sending up a team to play the Shameen team.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.



Photo by Mee Fong.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Farrell "snapped" leaving the church after their marriage in Kowloon last Tuesday.

Mr. T. Z. Bau read a paper on "The Chinese Healing Art" before the members of the Medical Society of the Hongkong University on Tuesday last.

Passengers who reached the Colony yesterday by the St. Albans included the Hon. Mount Stuart Elphinstone, from Sandakan, and from Sydney Lieut. Baxendell, Mr. and Mrs. B. Goodspeed, and Captain Bentley.

In addition to those mentioned in yesterday's "China Mail," as having left by the Empress of Russia, the following were also passengers:—Mr. P. A. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. J. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Farrell, Mrs. G. F. Haslam, Mr. and Mrs. P. Lander, Rev. and Mrs. J. Kirk Macdonald, Rev. N. A. Peel, Mrs. B. Thompson and Dr. J. A. Urquhart.

Dr. and Mrs. McKean, and Mr. L. Zeitlyn are passengers on the outgoing President Madison.

Reuter's correspondent at Nice cables to-day the news of the death of Jean de Reszke, the famous ex-operative tenor, who in his time was the most famous operatic tenor of his day. In his later days he conducted a school of singing with much success.

As Mr. A. McKirdy, a very popular member of the Victoria Recreation Club, is shortly leaving the Colony, a presentation is to be made to him at the Club at 6 p.m. this evening. H.E. Sir Claud Severn, K.B.E., Chairman of the V.R.C., is to make the presentation.

The Roman Catholic community of the Colony are raising funds for a memorial to the late Bishop Pozzoni. Several suggestions have been made as to the form the memorial shall take, but a definite decision must be governed by the response made to the appeal.

Mr. A. B. Suffiad, who retired about a month ago, from his post as the Chief Justice's Clerk, has been presented by the Hongkong Law Society with a cheque and scroll bearing the names of subscribers and solicitors, in appreciation of his unfailing tact and courtesy in his capacity as Clerk. The presentation was made by Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Acting Attorney-General and Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton, President of the Law Society, made a short speech in which he stated that the solicitors of the Colony wished Mr. Suffiad health, happiness and prosperity in his retirement. Mr. Suffiad suitably replied.

The Topicist of the "Singapore Free Press" has this to say of our present visitors:—Lee White and her cheery husband, with their de luxe beauty chorus and real comedians, have made Singapore this week a place fit for heroes. They have given us some fine shows and very happy memories. The Topicist joins with everyone else in hoping that this talented company will come "Back Again." And—If anyone asks why there has been such a great invasion of the Adelphi Hotel this week, and why the mosquitoes are so cheery these days, Lee White's "Peaches" can supply the answer to both enquiries.

There will be no play at Fanling during the week-end. The Course is flooded.

Dr. Lindsay Woods, formerly in practice in Hongkong and now of Amoy, is a visitor to the Colony.

Mr. D. M. Gubbay, Sir G. and Lady Watson, and Mr. E. Wynne Jones are passengers on the Macedonia which left yesterday.

CHINESE WEDDING.



Photo by Mee Fong.

Miss Lam Sui-yan, maid of honour at the marriage of her sister, Miss Lam Sui-yue to Mr. I. C. Kong, B.A., in St. Paul's Church last Saturday.

Mac's Cafeteria is being put to other uses. Yesterday two well-known members of the community were observed deeply interested in the solving of a crossword puzzle.

Among the audience at the Orchestral Concert in aid of the Missions to Seamen on Thursday were three of the patrons, H.E. Major-General C. C. Lauder, C.B., C.M.G., the Lord Bishop of Victoria (the "Right" Rev. C. R. Duppuy) and Commodore A. J. B. Shirling, C.B., R.N.

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But: When better cars are built, Buick will build them. The slogan indicates not only the merit of one of the most beautiful and splendid cars ever built, but the determination of the builders to keep it in the forefront. To dwell on the intrinsic merits of the Buick is akin to painting the lily.

The Chevrolet introduced to Hongkong the era of cheap cars. Not the cheap and nasty, but the eminently serviceable, able to maintain its position with the best and ensuring comfort and safety to its users. The owner of this whoever the fortunate person will be, is in for many years of serviceable pleasure in which friends may participate.

The Collard & Collard piano supplied by the well-known Anderson Music Co. is not merely an artistic piece of household furniture, but an instrument to delight the eye and the ear. The name alone is a guarantee of this. The winner of it will indeed be a fortunate person, adding to his or her possessions that which will be a continual delight and means of giving pleasure. The piano can be seen in Messrs. Anderson's window.

Broadcasting has a future in Hongkong, and signs are not wanting that very shortly this will be one of the most popular pastimes in the Colony. The thorough enjoyment of it necessitates the right kind of appliances. This is provided by the Sleeper. Monotrol Radio set for which Messrs. De Sousa & Co. are responsible. The possessor of this is more likely to hear London than anyone else; but joking apart, Shanghai, Manila, and the other places, to say nothing of Hongkong. Concerts, etc., will be heard with splendid clearness with the aid of this Monotrol Radio.

A Brunswick gramophone is not to be despised. It is numbered amongst the best of the machines being produced and is a work of art. It fulfils the functions of a good gramophone—it produces the voices and solos of your favourite singers and instrumentalists, equal to any machine that can be named. A piece of furniture also, good to look upon. Here again a valuable prize serving a double purpose.

Only those who have made the eight day trip to Poochow and back can speak of its enjoyment and health-giving qualities. Three ports are touched at—a remarkable thing in a short trip, and all the comforts of ocean travelling are provided on steamers which have earned a wide reputation. Such an eight day trip adds eight years to one's life. Test it and see!

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Before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy yesterday a Chinese was charged, in connection with an armed robbery committed in April 1923. The man was arrested in Cross Street on March 22 by a Chinese detective on information received. In the course of the robbery, the master of No. 124, Wong Nei Chung village was stabbed and died in hospital some days later. Sub-Inspector Doring stated that a charge of murder was not added on account of the deceased dying from the effects of poison from the herbs which he applied to his wounds. He did not actually succumb to the stab wounds. Accused was committed for trial at the Sessions.

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A pair of binoculars is not to be despised—especially such a good pair as is being supplied by the local opticians, Messrs. Lazarus. The uses of binoculars are as varied as can be imagined. A trip to Macao for instance is made doubly enjoyable by the possession of a pair. The races demand that you see your favourites right round the course. The voyage home is but another reason for having binoculars and binoculars without good lenses are something like a grate without coal and wood.

The Coronet is the Little Theatre which shows the Big Pictures. The claim is undisputed; all the best pictures are shown at the Theatre—the best the world supplies. Three months' admission to see the best is not to be despised. Three months of continual pleasure is a gift of the Gods. It is not merely good pictures, but good music, good lighting, and comfortable seating.

The well-known firm of Wing On & Co. are responsible for several dainty wrist watches. Dainty certainly, but not solely ornamental. These will be found fine examples of the watchmaker's craft, designed to carry out their functions to the full—i.e. to keep accurate time. Their possession should—and will be a pride.

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LAST NIGHT'S SUCCESS.

The ingredients that go to make a good Revue have all been standardised. Some of them consist of rare good humour, good songs, fine dances, wonderful dresses, sketches, and smart dialogue. These were much in evidence last night when the Lee White-Cray Smith company opened what promises to be a very successful season. The show goes with a remarkable zest.

There is not a dull moment; many artistic ones, and smiles and laughs that can well be called non-stop. There is also the "Peaches" chorus for whom it is easy to predict fame and popularity. And there is also Mae Baird and Archie Thomson in some wonderfully complex and exhilarating dances. There is also Gus McNaughton (the name seems strangely familiar even in far-distant Hongkong) with a wealth of humour that has made us rock with laughter. There is... And so we could go on with There is. But there is Miss Lee White and there is also Mr. Clay Smith and words fail us in describing the perfections of their contributions to a wonderful programme. It was all supremely good. The enthusiasm last night was intense and is sure to be repeated nightly during the altogether short season this talented company is in Hongkong.

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WELSH NOTES.

MORE ABOUT GLENDOWER.

[BY "AF RHYS."]

The subscription list relating to the contribution Welsh people of Hongkong are being asked to make for the memorial to Owen Glendower is circulating. Some interesting facts relating to his life have recently been brought to my notice.

It is thought that Owen's body lies at Corwen, hard by Glyndyrdwy, where it is proposed to put up the memorial to Glendower has been asked to contribute towards. Of his disappearance under mysterious circumstances much has been written, some authorities holding that he could not pay his mercenaries, that he really died then, that he had lost faith in his mission. He would appear to have made disappearances almost habitual, holding in all probability, as indeed happened, that every disappearance increased his influence. Many attempts were made upon this man whose one aim in life was that of the restoration of the independence of Wales and of the Welsh Church. Tradition speaks of an attempt while his parliament was at Dolgellau. On the mountain side above the Wnion, a traitorous leader turned his bow suddenly towards him and tried to pierce him with an arrow. Owen slew him and hid his body in the hollow of a great oak tree which was well known as "demon's oak" until it fell, almost within living memory.

At Machynlleth, Sir David Gam made an attempt on Owen's life. He was imprisoned, though the King was very anxious to ransom him. The attempts, and the deep impression they left on the minds of the next generation, show how great was the importance of the personality of Owen. He was undoubtedly the hero of the Welsh student and the grey friars as well as the bardic world, his strong supporters. His idea for the creation of Welsh universities remained a dream during his lifetime and, indeed, for five centuries later, but it was more than a visionary prospect, for Owen who was well versed in the historical lore of the time and knew that projects were in hand for the foundation of many Universities in Europe about that time. Stern he was to those of alien tongue but the defender of oppressed men of South Wales; his personality remains far off and mysterious; we see him in council, tall and majestic, but even there he is the personification of political dreams rather than a real man, is how one historian has it.

He was supposed to have had the superstition which is the shadow of fatalism and to have consulted a seer when at "Merlin's City," now called Carmarthen; there he was told that he would be taken under a black flag.

"One early morning the abbot of Valle Crucis was walking along the hillside above the abbey and praying Owen Glendower appeared and said:

"Sir abbot, you have risen too early."

"No, answered the abbot," it is you who have risen too early, by a hundred years."

And Glendower knew that he was not the Glendower that prophecy had spoken of and from that time nothing further was heard of him."

RUPERT OF HENTZAU.

The Queen's Theatre is offering its patrons a most interesting programme. In addition to the snappy short features, it is showing the Selznick Distributing Corporation's super-picture Rupert of Hentzau, which was adapted from Sir Anthony Hope's well known novel of the same name.

The setting of the story is in the kingdom of Ruritania, which is governed by Rudolf VI. The Ruritanians care little for their ruler—who cares still less for them—but they adore his wife, Queen Flavia, who has married him for the sake of her subjects. After three years of marital unhappiness Queen Flavia writes a letter to her lover, Rudolf Rassendyll, who is the King's double and whom she has not seen since she became Queen, and confides her troubles to him. Unfortunately the wily Rupert of Hentzau, who is in exile because of his plottings against the King, learns through a spy of the mistive, and wrests it by main force from Fritz von Tarlenheim, who was conveying it to Rassendyll. While the action is quick up to this point, from then it acquires more speed and hums along from one exciting event to the next until it culminates in the thrilling duel between Rupert and Rassendyll.

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BACK FROM LEAVE.



Photo by Mee Fong.

Mr. R. V. Meyer who, on return from a holiday at Home passed through the Colony on his way to Shanghai this week to join Messrs. Lazarus & Co., opticians. Mr. Meyer was formerly in charge of the Hongkong branch and gained many friends.

AU REVIR.

At the Recreation Club of the China Sugar Refinery yesterday, Mr. P. Plage, described by Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, Secretary of the Company, as the "Grand Old Man" of the Refinery, and Mr. J. W. Gloyn, the acting manager, were the recipients of interesting presentations.

Mr. Gloyn was the recipient of a gold wristlet watch, whilst he was also handed for Mrs. Gloyn a silver tea service and tray, the latter being inscribed with the names of those who had contributed to the fund. Messrs. E. B. C. Hornell, G. M. Shaw, H. E. Hollands, S. Baker, D. J. Purves, A. R. Forbes, J. M. McBride, J. Glen, T. Glen, T. G. Thorburn, F. G. Samways, R. H. Whiteford, H. Palmer, J. A. Douglas, J. Baket, T. Burn, R. McKellar, J. McKellar, J. Anderson, R. W. Lee, R. W. Williamson, P. Plage, H. M. McTavish, W. A. Duce, Choa Po-sien (compradore) and Choa Po-ming. Mr. Plage was given a gold-wristlet watch and chain.

The presentation was made by Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, the Secretary of the Company, who was briefly introduced by Mr. G. M. Shaw, the manager.

Referring to the records of the two who were among the oldest members of their staff Mr. Hornell said:—"Mr. Gloyn would have completed his 35th year of service, with the Refinery on May 2 next, and retires with the position of acting manager, which he has filled since Mr. Rodger's retirement with the utmost credit. You will no doubt remember that on February 14, 1923, when we said good-bye to Messrs. Rodger and Underwood a photograph was taken of the two above named gentlemen and also Messrs. Plage and Gloyn, showing a combined length of service of 162 years."

"This is a record, gentlemen, that any Company in the world might well be proud of, and when you come to think of the conditions under which you have to

OFFICER'S WAGES.

CLAIM IN RESPECT OF THE "LEE LOONG."

A claim for wages in respect of a Portuguese ship in the harbour of Hongkong was heard at the Supreme Court this morning.

The ship is the "Lee Loong" which has been here since the end of last year. The master, engineer and officers are claiming for wages since the end of last year amounting in all to \$3,887. They stated through counsel, Mr. H. S. Fitzroy (instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada) that they had made representation to the local offices of the Kung Hing Steamship the owners, for payment to be made and had been told to carry on and they would be paid in due course.

The ship is under the Portuguese flag and is registered at Macao.

The case is being heard ex parte.

work in the hot weather here, I think it is all the more remarkable. (Hear, hear.) With the retirement of Mr. Plage and Mr. Gloyn, this army of old veterans has been removed, but I honestly believe that the feeling of esprit de corps in the Refinery staff which has been so marked in the past, is as strong as ever; it was, be the times good or bad, and I feel confident that if the friendly co-operation which has existed between employers and employees continues, the General Agents can safely rely in the future on long and valuable service from members of the Refinery (Applause.)

Mr. Hornell then handed over the gifts to Mr. Gloyn and Mr. Plage, and wished them many happy years of retirement in the old country.

COATS OWE THEIR CHARM TO DETAILS

BY BARBARA WINSLOW



A SCARF COAT OF NOVELTY FABRIC FUR-BORDERED

There is a Consistent Severity of Line Throughout the Variety of Their Styling—Simplicity Combines With Luxury.

We are rapidly approaching—perhaps many have already reached—what might aptly be termed "new coat time." Early millinery models are the first prophecy of spring, but a coat of light weight fabric, fashioned in the spirit of a new mode and worn on a spring-like day, is the first real concession to change. It is the first garment in the new wardrobe and is sure to rouse a thrill of anticipation; it is more than just a coat; it is a symbol. We have seen the advance models, made ready for Southern wear, for many a chilly winter day; but it has been "under glass," as it were, and literally behind the glass of shop windows. These new models have roused anticipatory delights in the heart of every woman who finds it a pleasure to plan and buy the clothes she wears, for they have promised much in the way of both beauty and charm.

The coat mode, taken as a whole, with no sub-divisions into sports, tailored or dress models, is varied and it should prove satisfactory. In a bewildering array of fine fabrics, rich trimmings and new, new colours, it has a certain restrained elegance that is the finest type of simplicity. And fashions in general have reached a point where only the simple thing is acceptable, no matter what paths of elaboration may have been travelled to attain that simplicity. And this simplicity has, more often than not, a youthful effect—it seems to be the delight of the designers to find new, smart ways to this youthfulness.

The South Proves A Barometer. Every model designed for the Southern season has been of interest, and the fashions of the South, inland resorts are an excellent barometer, telling us what to expect when summer moves North. There have been more of the lighter shades, perhaps, than will be generally worn in the North, especially in our early and somewhat eccentric spring, but the mode is fundamentally a question of fabrics, lines and trimmings, with colour a matter of choice for the purpose in hand. If the early displays led you to form the opinion that all coats would be of the brilliant or the pastel shades, it was, perhaps, natural, for those displays were planned for a summer setting.

From displays and try-outs and practical experiences the mode has crystallized, and we are finding it possible to choose our special coats from fashions of accepted smartness, that have been worn by well-dressed women at the Southern resorts and the play places of Europe. Coat assortments amaze one with their comprehensive variety, for there are widely different models in every type of coat—sports, strictly tailored, for afternoon or evening wear. And while this variety has to do with materials and the shades of colours, it has resulted from the clever application of details of both line and trimming.

The assembled group may be used as a basis on which to build an outline of the mode. It includes tailored, dress and sports models in a variety of fabrics and colours that indicate the versatility of fashion. The straight-line model in cluster striped flannel indicates the true severity that characterizes both the sports and the tailored coat. It has a mannish sleeve and collar; its trimming is confined to buttons; it is double-breasted. Much of its charm may not be reproduced, since it lies in

its colouring—fine lines of radio blue and black on an ivory ground. Quite as severe, but rather more unusual, the Mandarin coat, in a scarlet that is keeping with its Oriental inspiration. It is cleverly flared and its embroideries at wrist and throat are of gold on a black background, and a fold of white fustian silk completes the colour scheme. Such a coat might easily be called a utility coat, for there would be no limit to its uses. It would serve one's purpose equally well, morning or afternoon.

Details Merely Serve Simplicity. A club coat, this time of rep in a somewhat fancy weave, recognizes the importance of the back and utilizes what is known as the arrested panel—for once fashion submits to the law! Embroideries outline the panel and edge the sleeve and hem—the narrowing of the embroidered strip a concession to slenderness. The collar is of wide ribbon in a matching shade and it ties at the side—an excellent model for travel or for town wear.

The coat of fabric trimmed with suede and a wide fur border belongs to the sports group, but its decorative details would make it eligible to the dress group. The fabric—be it silk or wool—is very soft of finish and the line of brown suede on skirt and cuffs blends with it, not only in colouring but in texture. The wide fur border halts to make way for the suede, a new little detail that proves our contention that the charm of the coat mode is due to the little things of its design.

Again for plays its part, this time against a background of figured fabric, the latter an importation. The design is gay, providing a full measure of trimming in itself. Straight lines seem imperative and the scarf accentuates them. Designed for resort wear, the last model in the group is made of a white wool fabric embroidered in apricot and azure blue. Its lines are unusual and the model features the pocket panel, which gives one the impression of a two-piece ensemble. Such a coat would complement the white costume that summer is sure to bring, and lend to it a variety not only of cut, but of colour.

It will be readily seen that there is practically no limit to the possibilities of coats. It was early predicted that the swaggar type would replace the mannish model, but there seems to be an amiable adjustment, and a coat may be both mannish and swaggar. Attention to detail of cut or of decoration seems to have dropped in no way from the smart simplicity or the general practicality of the coats themselves. There will be many novelties—that always happens—but they are for the fashion of many coats, not the woman of one or two.

Low Flares—Fur Borders—Simplicity.

Of just what does this much vaunted detail consist? Differences of cut, of trimming, of colour combinations, and all these may be found on a single model. Two fabrics may be used, the one for the coat itself and the other for collar and sleeves, or the ensemble coat of one material over a semi-undercoat of contrasting fabric—and sometimes of colour. And fabrics are, as a rule, very soft to finish, and there are many silks and satins and velvets—the latter in the jewel shades, the colours as soft as the fabrics. Flannel is exceptionally well liked for sports wear and there are some few coats of jersey.

DID YOU KNOW—

THAT exquisite pieces of bow-knot jewellery are being offered to vary the mode. They feature pearls, rhinestones and emeralds and appear on the tailored suit, on frocks, on hats and slippers and may be either clasp or pendant on a necklace.

THAT the importance of the jabot in spring fashions cannot be over-

estimated? It appears on frocks and tailored gowns and blouses, and lends a softening touch to many an otherwise plain model. It varies in size quite as widely as it varies in its uses.

THAT the artificial flower, which is an accepted fashion fact, has moved from the shoulder of the evening gown to just about the place where a lapel would be? And it is worn at the base of the collar quite far back on the daytime coat.



FEATURING WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE "ARRESTED PANEL"

We have seen that use is being made of panels, both back and front; and the jabot—a dress fashion—has invaded the coat world, but in the form of a wide revere. An imported model makes use of printed silk in a jabot effect that falls all the way down the front and the silk appears through slashes in the sleeves and as a border for the lining. Some coats have vests; some have belts and some have not; and there appear on the skirts of some of the models. Many of the newer coats show a flare, but it is so subtly accomplished that one is hardly conscious of it, and it detracts but little, if at all, from slenderness.

One must make mention of what has been termed the "ailhouette" coat, a mannish, tailored affair, patterned, it is said, after the coat worn by a recent royal visitor to this country. It may be either single or double-breasted, has a flat lining, tailored collar and set-in sleeves. On way not only a reference to the velvet collar, matched at times by the velvet-cuffed sleeve. Callais, when they are not tailored and flat, may be military or scarf, for there is a real liking for the high collar. There are yokes and capes, as well. And for an accepted summer trimming in its summer form, seems to prefer the hemline, leaving the collar to the fabric.

THAT there is a tendency away from the light hosiery that has been so long and so universally "vogue"? It is evidenced in the increased demand for the taupe, gun-metal and smoke shades of gray.

THAT your wardrobe must contain at least one costume ensemble suit, no matter how many other ensembles it may boast, if it is to be reckoned complete? It may be a strictly tailored ensemble or it may be more elaborate, as for afternoon uses, but it may not be omitted.

THAT the pocket handkerchief glove has appeared with the new spring offerings in fancy-cuffed gloves? It has a tiny pocket high up on the gunmetal cuff and a kerchief in high colour is tucked therein.

The Newest, Smartest Fashion Details.

The use of tiny tucks, quilting and fagotting.

Collars of velvet on the newest sports coats.

The jabot revere on a version of the coat frock.

The "kick" pleat in the front of the sports skirt.

The new high colours in between-season hats of felt.

The wider hemline, variously achieved.

The plastron, jabot, vestee, side frill.

The one-piece gown that looks like an ensemble.

The V-neck with revers or the squared V-neck.

SMART FOOTWEAR Complements the Ensemble

It is an admitted fact that the short skirt centres attention on the shoes and their accompanying hosiery. Add to this the fact that we are in the power of a fashion that is obsessed with the ensemble idea and there is nothing left to contradict the statement that footwear was never more important, if as important. Shoes must not only be smart and fit well, but they must play their very important part in the ensemble, their only prompting the equally smart and well fitting hosiery that has been provided for them.

One's first problem is to find a last that fits, for no matter how perfectly the shoe may harmonize with the frock or suit, it is a failure if it wrinkles or bulges. The average woman knows that good grooming demands a trim appearance, but not at the cost of comfort, and the search is not ended until toe, vamp and heel all contribute their share to this comfort. If one has a short vamp, it is ridiculous to attempt to wear a long vamp shoe; and if one's foot is long and slender, a short vamp should never be attempted, even in the interests of a smaller appearing foot.

And there is no excuse for an uncomfortable heel, in these days when one may wear a Louis, baby Louis, Spanish, Cuban, military or flat heel and be in fashion—there is no excuse for either the wrong vamp or heel, fashion or no. Designers are prodigal in their models, and there is a type for every foot; as well as a fashion for every occasion, and a fabric, colour and style for every costume. This has been brought about by the rapid growth of the costume ensemble idea, that demands either matching or harmonizing footwear.

Fabrics seem to include many familiar materials, but there is a tendency away from suede in favour of kid, although there is some doubt as to the reception of the idea, for suede is the most comfortable of the many offerings. Lizard skin is used in many ways, chiefly as a trimming, and patent leather is making a strong bid for favour. Satins, brocades and cloth of gold or silver are the choice for evening. The trend toward tailored things is having its effect on footwear, and there are more models in the heavy, mannish



Two Colour Effects Are Smart, Not Only In Black And White But In The High Colours.

styles being shown. But their use is confined wholly to sports and daytime wear, for they are not even distantly related to semi-formal ensembles. These more substantial shoes have military heels, but they are by no means low, even reaching three inches in height. There are practically no high shoes being shown.

The Oxford, which has, for several seasons past, fallen into disrepute, is becoming a favourite because of the attention that has been bestowed upon it by bootmakers. This attention has resulted in many clever new models that may be laced or without laces, substituting elastic gores for the latter. Quite new is the model that has what is known as the garter top and uses two leathers, the one so applied that it gives all the appearance of a garter, even to the buttons. The subject of what hosiery shall be worn with the Oxford is sure to prove interesting.

For hosiery is quite as important as footwear, of which it is an integral part. There will be many coloured leathers used, this coming season, and while this is imperative because of the demand for matching or harmonizing footwear, it will add to one's problems of selection. We have become accustomed to light hosiery, and there has been a decided attempt to make the pastel, jewel and other eye-arresting shades popular at Southern resorts, but one is a bit doubtful as to their future.

There have been a very great many sartorial sins committed in the interests of this vogue for light tones in stockings, for the fashion has possession of the entire fashion world. There is a tendency to the deeper grays with black, a vogue for gunmetal shoes with matching hosiery, has been launched; blonde shoes are popular and are best when the hose worn with them are of the same shade. Add to this the fact that the "light" ensemble is favoured, one feels that there is more than a possibility that shoes and stockings will match quite as often as they harmonize.

Which is a step in the right direction, for there should be variety, and the short, plump woman should not be compelled to cut what height she has at her hemline. It seems to be the one instance in which the average woman has been afraid to express her personality, everyone wearing the light shades regardless. It is a pity, for it has done much to make ugly lines and "lumpy" many situations that should be dealt with carefully. But no fashionist persists indefinitely, if it is not generally becoming. Just now there is more than a hint of change.



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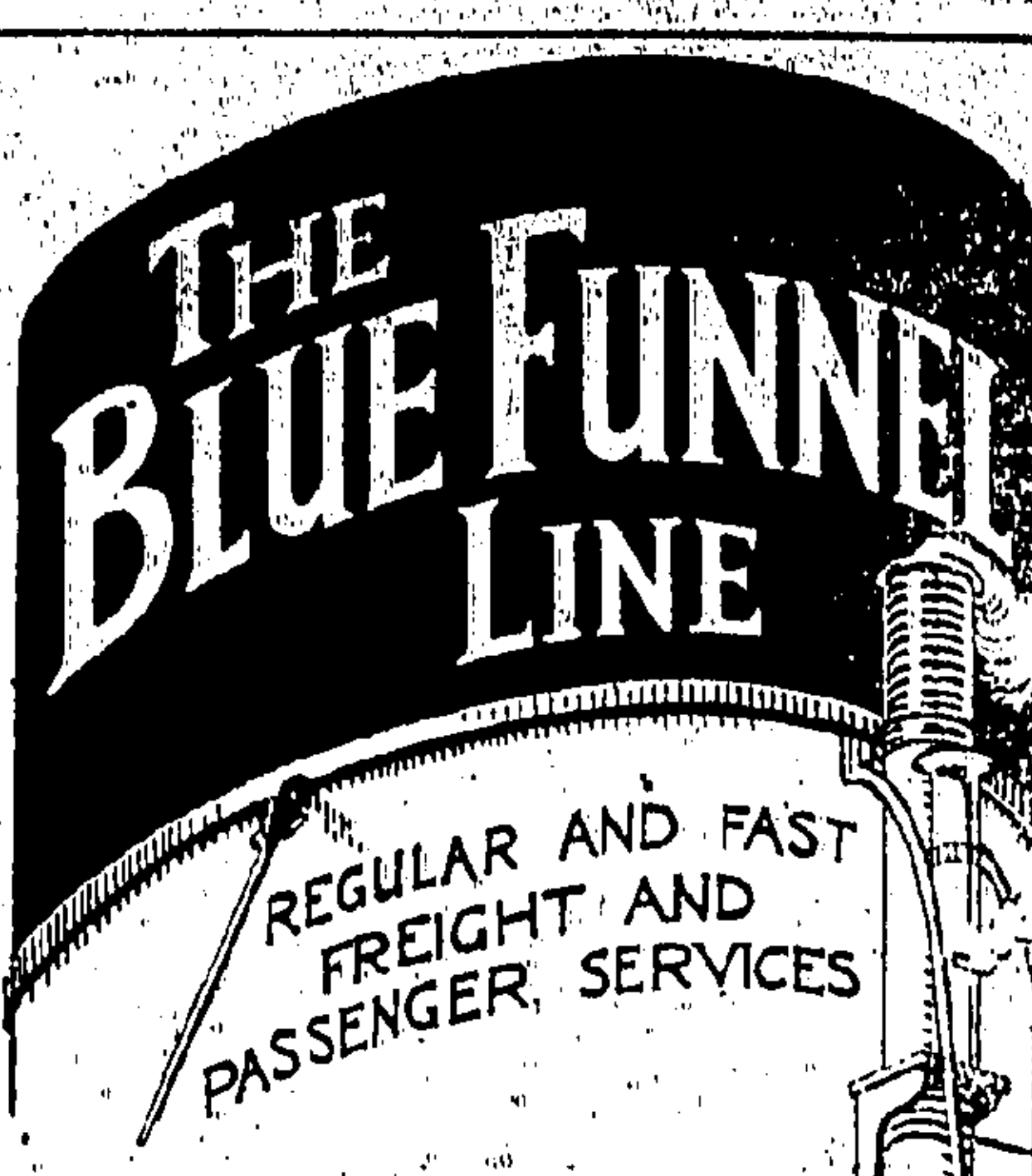
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Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (Correspondence specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	7th Apr.	Fushimi Maru	9 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	7th Apr.	Kwanglung	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	7th Apr.	Kaijo Maru	9 a.m.
Manila	7th Apr.	Yoonang	9 a.m.
Straits	MONDAY, APRIL 6.	Glenfer	8.30 a.m.
Java via Surabaya	MONDAY, APRIL 6.	Thibet	10.30 a.m.
Wohaiwei	MONDAY, APRIL 6.	Kuchow	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	MONDAY, APRIL 6.	Sydney	3.30 p.m.
Swatow	MONDAY, APRIL 6.	Hydrange	3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	TUESDAY, APRIL 7.	Hangang	8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 5th May. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	THURSDAY, APRIL 9.	Antenor	Neon.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	THURSDAY, APRIL 9.	Pres. Jackson	3.30 p.m.
Manila	THURSDAY, APRIL 9.	Fookchow	5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	FRIDAY, APRIL 10.	Van Odon	11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	FRIDAY, APRIL 10.	Hatching	Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 9th May. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	SATURDAY, APRIL 11.	Antenor	Neon.
Manila, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	FRIDAY, APRIL 10.	Pres. Monroe	9 a.m.
Japan	FRIDAY, APRIL 10.	Mishima Maru	6.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.	Hakosaki Maru	10.30 a.m.

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(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, April 3. The Government's efforts to secure a criminal conviction against Albert Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, and the oil magnates who negotiated the



celebrated Western oil land leases with him, encountered a serious setback to-day when all the indictments were thrown out of court on the ground that the presence of the Assistant Attorney-General in the grand jury room where the indictments were being drawn up last summer was contrary to law.

INDIA'S HOPE. THE PATHWAY TO FREEDOM.

VIOLENCE THE OBSTACLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Patna, April 3. In a conciliatory speech made by Mr. Das, the extremist leader, in response to Lord Birkenhead's statement in the House of Lords, which he described as frank and courteous, Mr. Das agreed that freedom would not be reached by violence.

He said that he was anxious to carry on active propaganda against evil which was a standing menace to the establishment of the Swaraj.

At the same time all efforts thither would be not effective unless the Government created a favourable atmosphere.

Mr. Das criticised the Bengal Ordinance and invited Lord Birkenhead to make searching inquiry into the causes of the revolutionary movement in India and thereafter apply the proper remedy.

He asserted that the revolutionary movement would disappear when the Government laid the foundation of freedom of thought and a favourable atmosphere was created "for further discussion," but he would be unable to co-operate with the Government in its present policy of repression.

[Lord Birkenhead, Secretary of State for India, in the course of the Indian debate in the House of Lords expressed a desire to join Mr. Das in laying aside undue suspicion. He invited Mr. Das to take a further step and co-operate with the Government in repressing violence. All we desired was co-operation between the British and Indian political parties, with a view to progressive realisation of responsible government in India as an integral part of the Empire. Never, never would it be reached by violence and desperate crimes.]

HOME PARCEL MAIL.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, April 3. The English parcel mail to the Far East, India and Australia will depart on April 7, instead of April 3, in consequence of the Easter holidays.

H.M. the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 13 of 1924. An Ordinance to amend the Prudential Transfer of Business Ordinance, 1923.

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A wireless message from the Captain of the "Oostkerk" was received by the local offices of the Java-China & Japan Line to-day stating that his boat which is bringing cargo out from Europe has grounded between Manila and Hongkong, North-West of the Lina Island.

No danger is reported and a tug has been despatched to her assistance. No passengers are carried.

TOO WET.

"HERALD" CUP GAME

POSTPONED.

The "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup competition exhibition match between Scotland, as the winners, versus the rest has been postponed to Friday and will take place at 4.30.

Rates for the second quarter are payable on or before April 30. Failure to pay before May 31 will result in proceedings. No refund can be made unless payment is made 15 days within expiration of the quarter.